

Solicitor – defence

It is your job to defend the three quarry owners. They have told you that they are all innocent and you believe them despite the evidence against them. You must think of explanations for all the evidence that the prosecution will bring against the defendants. You must question witnesses that the prosecution uses against the defendants. You must convince the jury that the defendants are law abiding business owners who have been wrongfully accused of this crime.

Solicitor – Prosecution

It is your job to prosecute the quarry owners. You believe that they have committed this crime and that the evidence against them can in no way be denied. You must offer this evidence to the court calmly and clearly. Your arguments must be logical. You will question witnesses in the courtroom to present your case. At the end of your arguments you should conclude clearly summing up all the key points.

Quarry owner 1 (Defendant 1)

Your name is John Jones; you are one of the two partners who rented the quarry from the Cawdor estate. You work as the accountant at the quarry and complete all of the paperwork. You recently tried to sell the quarry without the consent of the Cawdor estate. You complete the claim forms for lime subsidies payments even if the farmer has not signed the claim. The charges against you are 'Conspiring with persons to defraud by means of false subsidies claims', 'Obtaining money by false pretences' and 'forgery of documents' You have pleaded not guilty.

Quarry owner 2 (Defendant 2)

Your name is William Rees; you are one of the two partners who rented the quarry from the Cawdor estate. You leave the running in the quarry to your partner John Jones. You are also secretary and manager of the local agricultural society who are responsible for issuing the lime subsidy payments. You handle all the subsidy claims from the quarry and ensure they are paid. The charges against you are 'Conspiring with persons to defraud by means of false subsidies claims', 'Obtaining money by false pretences' and 'forgery of documents' You have pleaded not guilty.

Haulage contractor – (Defendant 3)

Your name is Thomas Williams; you are a haulage contractor working out of the Black Mountain quarries. Your trucks visit the quarry to pick up lime and deliver to local farmers. Your trucks carry a maximum of 5 Tonnes; however delivery paperwork shows nearly double this being delivered. Deliveries of coal are also shown as deliveries of lime on paperwork. You say that so much paperwork is confusing and things are just mixed up. The charges against you are ‘Conspiring with persons to defraud by means of false subsidies claims’, ‘Obtaining money by false pretences’ and ‘forgery of documents’ You have pleaded not guilty.

Quarryman 1

Your name is James Llewellyn, you work on kiln one at the quarry. The kiln produces between 10 and 12 tonnes a day. Kiln two produces 12 tonnes. They are the only two kilns working. You enjoy your job and are proud of the good quality lime you produce. During the day you notice trucks picking up lime to take to farms, about six trucks pass through daily.

Quarry man 2

Your name is David Pugh, you’re a quarryman. You know that on a good day the quarry produces around 24 tonnes of lime. However you have heard rumours in the tavern that the quarry owners are claiming subsidies for more than double this amount. You have been asked by the quarry owners to say that your kiln produces more lime than it does. At the time you did because you wanted to keep your job but as the quarries are now closed you don’t mind sharing what you know with the court.

Quarry man 3

Your name is George Owens, you’re a quarryman. You’re aware of the court case against the owners of the quarry but don’t really have an opinion on it. You did your job to the best of your ability and got paid for that work. You are annoyed that you have been called to give evidence and think it’s all a lot of fuss about nothing. You are now working in another quarry and do not want to put your job in danger by getting involved in this witch hunt!

Truck driver – Witness

Your name is Matthew Rees; you work for Thomas Williams who is the haulage contractor taking lime out of the Black Mountain Quarries. You regularly deliver lime to farms in Carmarthenshire. A regular load of lime weighs 4.5 to 5 tonnes on the weigh bridge at the quarries. Receipts and delivery notes are given to you to obtain a signature from the farmer to prove that the lime has been delivered however it rarely tells the farmer how much lime has been delivered. Your job is just to deliver the lime so you don't worry about this.

Wife of a quarry man

Your name is Bertha Llewellyn, your husband James works at the quarry. He works long hours in a dangerous environment. James tell you he works on kiln 1 at the quarry, he is happy when he meets his target of producing 12 tonnes of lime in a day as this means he is keeping up with kiln 2 which also produces the same. You're not very happy about him working there; you feel that the owners don't do enough to ensure the safety of the workers

Office worker

Your name is Sarah Lewis; you work at the Agricultural Society. You process subsidy payments for lime. Your manager William Rees, always deals with the Black Mountain Quarry paperwork first and tells you what to pay. You do not see the paperwork relating to the quarries but think they must produce a lot of lime there as the payments issued to them are quite large.

Policeman 1

Your name is Lloyd Evans, you are a policeman, you formally charged the three defendants with 'Conspiring with persons to defraud by means of false subsidies claims', 'Obtaining money by false pretences' and 'forgery of documents'. At the time when you visited the quarries, you found the site to be unsafe. In the office block you found various delivery notes for large amounts of lime being delivered locally. The writing and signatures on all the paperwork seem similar. It is your belief that large subsidies have been claimed and false paperwork created to claim them.

Policeman 2

Your name is Rhys Griffiths; you are policeman working on the fraud case. You have been going through all the paperwork found at the quarries and contacting farmers about the deliveries. Most of the farmers say they were happy with the lime they received and that they can't remember quantities of lime they received. They are not very helpful. As the defendants have pleaded not guilty and the farmers won't talk – you may only have the paperwork to prove that they are guilty.

Farmer 1

Your name is Peter Hope; you run a farm in Gwynfe. It is one of the largest farms in the area. You regularly take deliveries of lime. Deliveries are brought in by truck. The driver tells you the amount of lime he is delivering and you sign a receipt to accept the delivery. You are good friends with quarry owner John Jones. You have been offered immunity from prosecution in this case if you tell everything you know in court. You don't want to be in court; after all it's just a few mixed up delivery notes!

Farmer 2

Your name is David Price; you are a farmer from Tairgwaith. You have not had any deliveries of lime from the Black Mountain quarries. However police have made you aware that a subsidy claim forms have been submitted showing 27 tonnes was delivered to your farm. You have been offered immunity from prosecution in this case if you tell everything you know in court. You do not want to get in trouble so you tell the truth.