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# Firm Ensures High Standards After Director Jailed

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A Guernsey finance firm has worked with police to ensure one of its former directors is brought to justice after committing a number of fraudulent and dishonest offences.

Martyn Gordon worked for the Blenheim Group for 16 years until he was sacked in February last year.

He was later arrested and has now been jailed for a number of offences which included transferring money between accounts without permission.

The 43 year old appeared before Guernsey's Royal Court yesterday – after previously admitting the six charges against him. Three of the counts related to two trusts he looked after at work – in one case he took £1million from one trust to cover demands on the other. He told the court he had done this to 'get

paperwork off his desk' and to 'stop the phone from ringing'.

After he was sacked by Blenheim, a further number of offences were discovered through an internal investigation. These charges also included the unauthorized transfer of funds. Among the victims were charities which didn't receive money they were owed. These charities included Wounded Warriors, the RSPCA and Cancer UK.

The court heard that Gordon hadn't gained anything from his crimes, but he lost his job of 16 years and has been jailed. The Judge told him he had discredited the company he had worked for and Guernsey as a whole.

After sentencing, the Blenheim Group confirmed Gordon was sacked in February 2015. The firm says, since that time, the Group has been assisting Guernsey Police and the Guernsey Financial Services Commission with their enquiries.

Blenheim's Managing Director, Sarah Rolph, said *"This has been a difficult time for the Blenheim Group and so we welcome today's conclusion to proceedings. Our focus has been on ensuring that our clients have continued to receive an excellent service during the period, and have not been disadvantaged by Martyn's actions.*

*"We continue to work with the Guernsey Financial Services Commission to ensure that all our practices and procedures are of the highest standard within the industry."*

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