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Name: Grant Ian ALLEN
Rank: Sub postmaster
Branch: Winsford Branch Code 338 422
Enquiry Reference POLTD/1213/0228

Security Operations
Casework Team
Post Office Ltd

Mr Grant Ian ALLEN is the sub postmaster of the above branch and appeared at Chester Crown on Friday 24th January 2013 for a PCMH hearing.

Mr John GIBSON represented the prosecution and HHJ David HALE presided over the matter.

Mr ALLEN had previously indicated that he would be willing to plead guilty on the basis that he cannot account for the loss but admits covering it up. The agents requested if we are willing to accept the plea on this basis. The agents were directed to seek advice from Post Office Legal Services.

Mr John GIBSON prosecuting counsel was not entirely happy with the plea put forward and contacted Post Office Legal Services and spoke with Jarnail SINGH who advised that the plea was acceptable.

HHJ David HALE advised that as Grant Ian ALLEN had not been charged with Theft he was content to sentence on the basis of the plea put forward. HHJ Hale stood down the matter for a report from the probation service.

HHJ David Hale on hearing the facts of the case and the mitigation advanced on behalf of the defendant and on reading the probation report Mr ALLEN was sentenced to a 12 month Community Order with 200 hours of unpaid work.

No costs or compensation was ordered as the defendant was due to declare himself bankrupt.

There is a loss of £11,705 to Post Office Ltd and the civil route should be considered to recover the amount outstanding.

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Security Manager
Post Office Ltd Security Team.
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