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Dear Sir

REGINA v PETER ANTHONY HOLMES

NEWCASTLE CROWN COURT

MENTION – W/L W/C 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter that I have forwarded to the Defence.

Instructing Solicitor's view is that a charge of theft is quite proper in this case. Should the Defence maintain their stance then it may be that the Financial Investigator would be in a position to obtain further financial information regarding the Defendant's account. If this is the case then consideration could then be given to whether or not it is necessary to instruct an Accountant.

Counsel is asked to consider whether the addition of a charge under the Fraud Act would be appropriate in this case.

Yours faithfully

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