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1st April 2008

Investigation Team Post Office Limited

c.c. Adrian Morris

POST OFFICE LIMITED v SEEMA MISRA
CASE NO: POLTD/0708/0249

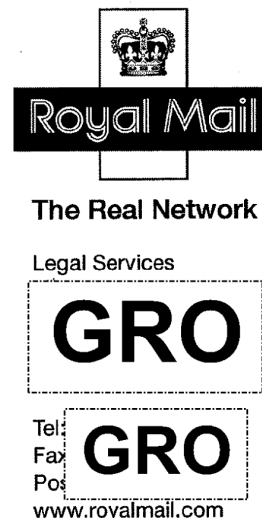
Read and noted thank you. In my opinion the evidence is sufficient to afford a realistic prospect of conviction of the above named on the charges set out on the attached schedule. You will note that I have charged the above named with the theft of £74,609.84 in view of the fact that these losses were accrued for a period over a year. I have also charged false accounting for the Branch Trading Statements for the period I have with my papers. All relevant accounts and documentation should be produced in full. If Ms Misra pleads Guilty to the false accounting then it is recommended that the prosecution in respect of the theft is not proceeded with.

This case is, in my opinion, more suitable for trial in the Crown Court. When the decision has been taken please proceed to obtain summons.

The matters which follow are for Mr Adrian Morris to deal with.

If the Defendant should elect trial or if the Magistrates refuse jurisdiction or if a Not Guilty plea is entered, the Investigation Manager should obtain and associate all necessary statements and exhibits. I list below the statements which appear to be necessary in this case, but the Investigation Manager should also consider whether there are any other areas which can usefully be covered and include any such evidence.

- 1 A statement giving evidence of access explaining the Subpostmistress's duties and period of service.
- 2 Copy statement producing the relevant extract from the accounts and the full audit and statement from the Auditors.
- 3 A statement explaining the Horizon system, accounting procedure and the Branch Trading period, relevant accounts and documents should be produced.
- 4 Copy statement from the Auditors dealing with the findings of the audit.
- 5 Copy statement from Interviewing Officer and Officer present during interview.



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I confirm that in due course application will be made for compensation in the sum of £74,609.84. If you wish to make an application for investigation costs could you please let me have a breakdown schedule prior to the first hearing.

This Office will prosecute. Please consult our General Office on: **GRO** before fixing a date of hearing.

In the meantime if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jarnail Singh
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