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OFFENCE
Theft/False Accounting

Name:	Peter Anthony HOLMES		
Rank:	Post Office Manager	Identification Code:	1
Office:	Jesmond	Branch Code	475 329
Age:	GRO	Date of Birth:	GRO
Service:	13 years 6 months	Date Service Commenced:	01 March 1995

Personnel Printout: At Appendix: C

Nat Ins No: GRO

Home Address: GRO

Suspended/Contract for Services Suspended:	18 September 2008 on the authority of Brian Trotter
Handed into custody:	N/A
At:	N/A
Charged:	N/A
To be prosecuted by:	Royal Mail Group (including Post Office Ltd)/Crown Prosecutor
Designated Prosecution Authority:	Dave Pardoe, National Investigation Manager
Discipline Manager:	Brian Trotter, Contracts & Services Advisor, C/O Post Office Ltd, Area Intervention Office, Mezzanine Floor, 10 Brunswick Road, Edinburgh, EH7 5XX

Interim Report

These papers refer to a £46,049.16 shortage realised during audit at Jesmond Sub Post Office Branch (SPOB) on Thursday 18th September 2008 and my subsequent interview with Mr Peter Anthony Holmes, Post Office Manager. The facts of the case are as follows:

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On Thursday 18th July 2008 Post Office Ltd Auditors Mike Webb, Mick Renshaw and Dave Longbottom carried out an audit at Jesmond SPOB. Mr Webb reported a £46,049.16 shortage in the accounts.

On Friday 19th September 2008 I visited the office of Mr Sunil Khanna to take a statement. Mr Khanna declined the offer to have a friend present. Mr Khanna gave an overview of the running of the office and denied the theft of the money.

Later that day Mr Peter Holmes attended Mr Khann's office. I introduced myself and Chris Knight, Security Advisor who was now in attendance. Mr Holmes was cautioned and completed form GS001. Mr Holmes agreed to a voluntary search of his home premises and car. Mr Holmes declined the offer of a friend to be present. All relevant forma were completed. Mark Hadrell, Royal Mail Senior Criminal & Liaison Manager attended as third officer.

The search of Mr Holmes' home produced several financial documents. The search of the car revealed no evidence.

Mr Holmes was interviewed after the search at the Office of Mr Sunil Khanna. Mr Holmes was again cautioned and completed side B of form GS001. He further declined the offer of a friend to be present and completed form GS003.

Mr Holmes denied theft of the money however admitted false accounting over a period of no less than 9 months.

Horizon data has been requested to ascertain when Mr Holmes started producing false cash declaration and subsequently false accounts.

Mr Holmes made allegations the Horizon equipment was faulty over a period of time in early 2008. A request has been made to ascertain if this was the case.

These papers are submitted for the current position to be noted.

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Robert Daily
Fraud Aadvisor
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06 October 2008