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**SUMMARY OF FACTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 21.3(1)(b)  
OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE RULES 2005**

**ROYAL MAIL GROUP LIMITED v JULIAN WILSON**

The Defendant is 59 years of age [REDACTED] **GRO** [REDACTED] and was a Subpostmaster for 5 years and 10 months at Astwood Bank Post Office prior to his suspension from duty on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

Enquiries commenced when on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008 Post Office Limited Auditors attended Astwood Bank Post Office where they introduced themselves to the Postmaster Julian Wilson and explained that they were to conduct an audit on behalf of Post Office Limited. The Postmaster allowed them access to the secure area and immediately informed them that there would be a shortage in the cash of around £27,000. He explained to them that it was due to an accumulation of shortages he had experienced at the Post Office over the last 5 years or so. He explained that he had been inflating the cash on hand figures to show that the office accounts would balance weekly and more recently on the monthly Trading Period.

On completion of the audit the audit shortage of £27,811.98 was discovered by the Post Office Limited Auditors.

As a result Post Office Limited Auditors contacted Post Office Limited Investigation Officers. Subsequently Post Office Limited Investigators attended the Subpostmasters home address where he consented to searches where various items were seized.

He was then interviewed on tape under caution at his Solicitors Office in the presence of his legal representative. During interview Mr Wilson admitted to false accounting over a period of 5 years due to losses he had been experiencing. He denied that he had used any of the money to credit his bank account or pay his mortgage or to pay suppliers. He was then shown various Trading Accounts available to the Officers from the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007 to the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and he confirmed that they all showed false cash figures. Mr Wilson explained how this had been common practice for the past 5 years or so. He was asked if he had considered theft by his employees given the fact it appeared the shortages were a regular occurrence with no explanation or corresponding errors as are appearing at current. He said he had not believed this to be the case.

Mr Wilson admitted to a period of offending over 5 years between September 2003 and September 2008.

The total loss to Post Office Limited is £27,811.98.

In the event of conviction there will be an application for compensation and a contribution towards prosecution costs and Investigation costs.

Documents enclosed herewith:-

- 1 Copy Summary of Tape Recorded Interview.
- 2 Copy Forms GS001 and GS003.
- 3 Copy Forms GS005 c and d.
- 4 Copy Signed Admission Statement.
- 5 Copy Horizon Print Out Event Log Balancing.
- 6 Copy Notebook Entry.
- 7 Copy Audit Report from Post Office Limited Auditors.
- 8 Copy Branch Trading Statements for Year 2007 and Year 2008.