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cc:

Subject: Case closing south warnborough



## Case Closure Reporting

To be e mailed to Primary & Secondary Stakeholders, Casework Team, Team Leader, Financial Investigator (if applicable) & Paul Dann/e/POSTOFFICE.

Case reference:	POLTD/0506/0685
Date case set up:	13/03/06
Branch Name: (or other Location):	South Warnborough SPOB
Branch Code:	092 904
Enquiry Type:	Audit Shortage / False Accounting
Name of Person(s) Interviewed (if applicable):	Mrs Josephine Hamilton
Subject type / Grade: (Delete those not applicable):	Postmaster
Case File associated:	Yes
Primary Stakeholder:	Nigel Allen, Contracts Advisor
Secondary Stakeholder(s):	
Identified Loss:	£36,644.89
Recovery: (include method & dates):	£37,644.89. Cheque received by Criminal Law Team on 18/02/08 (includes £1,000 costs)
Confiscation case:	No
SPOB cases: has SPMR been made aware of loss?:	Yes
Is there a Financial Investigation still ongoing? (if yes, this form must be emailed to relevant Financial Investigator as case will remain open within their remit):	No
Final outcome: (if prosecution include further details below)	Mrs Hamilton prosecuted.
Prosecution Outcome: (Include court, date & sentence)	Winchester Crown Court. 19/11/07 entered guilty pleas to 14 False Accounting charges. Single theft charge removed after undertaking from defence counsel that all monies owed to Post Office would be repaid prior to sentencing. Sentenced on 04/02/08 to 12 month Community & Supervision Order.
Costs / Compensation: (Compensation awarded in multiple partner cases / SPSO assistant cases must be repaid to loser - contact PBA Banking Duty 5309 2381 / 01246 542 381 to ensure compensation cheques dealt with correctly).	£1,000 costs awarded to Post Office.
Debarment: (Confirm completed and date forwarded to Intelligence Transaction Manager)	Completed and posted on 11/03/08
Procedural and organizational failings identified - (ensure PROCEDURAL FAILINGS form is also updated & emailed to Stakeholders, Investigation Team and Team Leader)	As advised previously.
Procedural and organizational	N/A, as Mrs Hamilton is no longer in post.

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failings discussion held with Primary Stakeholder. (discussion must occur prior to closure - outline any solutions, agreed actions, refer to next level if issues remain e.g Crown Office failings via BM/Operations Manager).	
Are there outstanding issues of a significant nature; (e.g impact, reluctance, refusal to implement solutions, business critical, etc - if yes, the matter should be reported in more detail to Team Leader)	N/A
Any other comments: (NB. If DWP case then additional closure form is required to be completed)	N/A
Officer in case:	Graham Brander
Team Leader:	Colin Price