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Strictly Private, Confidential and Without Prejudice.

Dear Alan

Suspension - 20th August 2008 – Ibstock Post Office – Fad 223 217 0.

On Wednesday 20th August 2008 I was suspended from my post as Sub-Postmaster because there was a shortage in the Post Office accounts of £44,000. After investigations had been concluded by Post Office Investigations Bureau I was reinstated to my post as Sub-Postmaster on Wednesday 12th November 2008.

The outcome of those investigations revealed that my wife Susan Jane Rudkin had lost control of the business and reported incorrect financial figures to the Post Office Accounts and confirmed this to the Post Office Ltd Audits and Investigation Bureau in her statement.

Post Office Ltd have been magnanimous in understanding that I personally played no part or had any prior knowledge of my wife's mistakes with the Post Office accounts. I am also aware of how strong the representations have been on my behalf from members of your staff the NFSP and George Thomson General Secretary of the NFSP of which I am extremely grateful.

With hindsight events have revealed that I have a weakness and I have enjoyed the intellectual stimulus of the negotiations between POL and my participation in those consultations as a former Executive Officer of the NFSP. At the same time I have thrust upon my wife the burden of trying to keep the business running and a home together. With the benefit of hindsight I may have neglected her.

Furthermore little did I know that since the robbery of 2006 she has been suffering from depression and sleep deprivation which has culminated in Susan having a breakdown all of which I was oblivious to until a member of POL audits pointed it out by which time the damage had been done.

GRO

In some respects I may be deemed as being negligent by indulging in the academic debates, consultations between the NFSP and POL senior negotiating team in London and I did not see what was happening back home.

Susan is not only remorseful but has spoken of taking her life on no less than two occasions sighting the disgrace and shame she has thrust upon me and how she has destroyed any and all ambitions I may have had of being able to continue serving my beloved mistresses POL and the NFSP. Thankfully I have been supported by Andrew Gilhooly (EO) who has a tremendous amount of experience with theses type of cases as a former civil servant.

I must recognize and thank Doctor Sack our family GP, he has been extremely concerned as to Susan's mental health throughout this ordeal and he has arranged for Susan to have ongoing counseling from the practice psychologist who is jointly treating Susan.

I appeal to you as a Husband, a Father and a Sub-Postmaster, my letter to you Alan is in no way an attempt to pervert the course of justice but it would be remiss of me as a husband who has failed his wife already on one occasion not to make an appeal directly to you Alan and the Board of Directors to suspend/withdraw from prosecuting wife Susan Jane Rudkin.

To date I have lost income of £21,000 from salary due to my suspension and I have made arrangements to pay back to POL there losses through salary which has commenced. My request is for clemency and compassion for my wife, suspend/stop this action she is and has suffered enough without further disgrace or the loss of her Liberty as a result of being prosecuted, her first hearing before the magistrates is Friday 13th March 2009. The Royal Mail Group legal team has a restraining/confiscation order on my premises so restitution is ultimately assured.

I have accepted the collective responsibility for what has happened and I neither wish to see my wife prosecuted nor do I wish to see my mistress (POL) in the headlines once more of the press and damaging her reputation.

I know in some respects my requests are selfish Alan but this is a terrible burden to carry and I am seeking that final act of compassion if it is not too late, the business has the power to help a family rebuild itself.

Assuring you of my best attention at all times.

Yours Sincerely,

GRO

Alan - for you to see yes I will sign
↳ spoken to Michele - she will deal
with in line with normal process
- if you really want to sign
personally - let me know
(please leave it in the tray
for me) - Thx T.