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Natasha Bernard Investigation manager	Deepak Valani Branch Auditor	Keith long C & SM Manager-

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Audit of Post Office @ Rainham Road branch, FAD 098941X

On Monday 05th September 2005, I attended Rainham road post office at about 0830 am. The clerk at the office (Joan Fowkes) allowed me access although the sub-postmistress was not on site. I started counting cash and stock and I became aware that did not appear to be sufficient cash at the office. I continued checking and at about 0900 am spmr arrived, whereupon she told me that the account would be about £50000.00 short.

I contacted my line manager Alan Stuart to inform him the circumstances, who later attended the office to render assistance. Carol Ballan of the area intervention office at Maidstone and Natasha Bernard, Investigation manager were also contacted and informed of the circumstances.

The audit resulted in a shortage of £52864.08, comprised

Cash shortage	£53016.49
Previous week surplus	£ 199.76
Stock Differences	£ 47.35

The decision was taken to suspend the spmr and defund the office.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Deepak Valani
Branch Auditor

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