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Post Office Ltd v Alison Loraine HALL
Case No. POLTD/1011/0095

In answer to your questions;

Please find a copy of the Audit report at Appendix 'C'
The Branch Trading statements have been forwarded to you previously.

From my conversations and contact with P&BA in Chesterfield they cannot see any reason for the branch loss being caused by the Lottery. Mr Neil Thorneycroft, Lottery Team Leader, has confirmed this in his email dated 8th September 2010 in which he states;

"I have looked at this office again and I can't find errors for the amounts in question. Over the last 2 years we've issued the following.

*National Lottery Game : 03.04.08 to date £1,052.00 credit
Prize Payments: 24.04.08 to date £190.20 debit
Scratchcards: 23.06.08 to date £2,200.00 debit (stock credit)*

Regular numbers of apparent scratchcard sales entries have been made. However a high number of stock adjustments have also been made. From 01.01.08 to date 115 stock adjustments @ £1760.00 credit. If stock adjustments have been made in place of sales entries no commission is payable to the Postmaster."

I have no information to say that an audit was requested by the Postmaster and from my initial report it can be seen that the clerk, Miss Kimberley Langley, was told by Miss Hall to add a specific figure to the Cash Declaration in August 2010 when she was running the office in Miss Hall's absence. So I would suggest there would have been ample opportunity to request and Audit if Miss Hall considered the loss was not her doing.

A copy of the transaction corrections is now at Appendix 'C' again supplied by Mr Thorneycroft. Should this matter progress to Court I will obtain a Statement from him detailing his finding.

These papers are now submitted for advice.

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Fraud Investigator

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