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**REGINA v ALISON LORAIN HALL**  
**CASE NO: POLTD/1011/0095**

The above named Defendant appeared at Leeds Crown Court for a Plea and Case Management Hearing on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The case was called on before His Honour Judge Burn. Adrian Chaplin represented the prosecution. Defence Counsel was Mr Neil Clarke of 2 Park Square.

After negotiations between Counsel Ms Hall the Defendant pleaded Guilty to Count 2 Fraud (False Accounting). Prosecuting Counsel indicated to the Court that the Crown was prepared to leave Count 1 on the file on the usual terms. The Defendant maintained that she had not taken any money but she had had the benefit of keeping her job and putting off the need to repay the shortfall.

A short pre sentence report was ordered and the case was listed at 14.15 hours for sentence.

	<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>SENTENCE</b>
1	Between the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of January 2010 and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of September 2010 stole £14,842.37 in money belonging to Post Office Limited (Contrary to Section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968)	To lie on the file
2	Between the 23 <sup>rd</sup> day of February 2010 and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of September 2010 dishonestly made false representations as to the cash on hand figure within the Branch Trading Statements for Hightown Post Office for the period 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2010 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2010 namely that the cash on hand was greater than the true figure intending thereby to make a gain for herself or another or to expose Post Office Limited to the risk of loss (Contrary to Section 1 of the Fraud Act 2006)	A Community Order was made with an unpaid work requirement of 120 hours

The Defendant was ordered to pay prosecution costs of £1,000 within 12 months.

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A Confiscation Order was made:-

- 1 Benefit calculated at £14,842.37.
- 2 Available amount £14,842.37.
- 3 Confiscation ordered by way of compensation to Royal Mail in the same amount.

The Confiscation was ordered to be paid within 12 months (6 months extended upon Defence application to 12 months) and a default term of imprisonment of 6 months.

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