

Thursday 26/07/01 @ 45 Brookfield SPSO
Belfast. Arrived at Brookfield with 8
Suzanne Winte Investigative Manager
and Ina Crawford Liaison Officer
Network Audit. Introductions made
to Alan McLaughlin, Subpostmaster,
by Suzanne Winte. Spoke with
members of staff, as they arrived for
duty to ascertain point of contact.
Mary Woods GRO Ruth Lavery

GRO and Lorraine Archer
GRO Left office at 11:10 started
audit still in progress. Returned to
Brookfield with Suzanne Winte at
12:20 to conduct an interview with
Alan McLaughlin. Interview between
Suzanne Winte and Alan William
McLaughlin regarding a number of
P&A overstatements in the accounts of
the Brookfield SPSO. Interview commenced
at 13:04. Alan McLaughlin continued
13:05 advised of legal rights form
CS001 completed. Mr McLaughlin

requested the presence of his wife
as friend agreed. Margaret McLaughlin
present through out interview. Mr McLaughlin
declined offer to have solicitor present
Interview recorded on tape seals
047807 to 047811, five tapes. During
course of interview Alan William McLaughlin
made admissions that for a period
of approximately seven months, since
January 2001, he had been falsifying
the P&A account for the Brookfield
SPSO. He admitted that he
had altered the cash on hand
figure to show an acceptable
level of discrepancy in the account.
He also admitted that he had
allowed errors in the value of post
pensions and allowances claimed
to "help the account". Interview
concluded at 16:20. Retail Network
Manager, Aiden McNeill attended