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Colin,

Latest from Jim on this case.

Jan

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**From:** jim.cruise [redacted] GRO  
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The latest development in this case is that POL have written off the losses of just over £25,000 at the above spo and have increased their payment-in to court to £25,000, which constitutes 3 months remuneration for the former spm plus interest. POL only has to give any sub postmaster 3 months notice without giving reasons for termination and this is all she would be entitled to if she were to be successful at court in my opinion.

The hope is that she will accept the increased payment-in and the case will be concluded. If she does not and persists with her counterclaim, and she has indicated that she is looking for a figure of £187,500, so she may well not settle, she is on increased risk as to the costs in the case if she does not beat the payment-in at trial. As PO Ltd is no longer pursuing her for losses, I hope that she will be left to pay any further evidence/reports from the expert witness, which should be a further discouragement for her.

I will let you know what happens.

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