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1st May 2009

Regina - v - Susan Jane Rudkin.

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd April enclosing details of the investigations costs.

Mrs. Rudkin attended today's sentencing hearing as Stafford Crown Court represented by Peter Hampton of Counsel. The case was listed in Court 3 before HHJ Glenn. The Case Officer Mike Wilcox also attended.

For the single count of theft of £43,894-15 Mrs. Rudkin was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years. Two requirements were imposed namely that she performs the maximum of 300 hours unpaid work and submits to an electronically monitored curfew for 6 months requiring her to be at home between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. In view of her parlous financial situation no order was made for costs.

As to the confiscation order the Judge set the following timetable:-

1. Having served the Section 18 Proceeds of Crime Act request on the Defendant today she was ordered to file her own Affidavit within 4 weeks i.e. not later than the 29th May 2009.
2. The Prosecution Statement is to be served within 6 weeks i.e. by not later than the 10th July.
3. The Defence Response to the Prosecution Statement is to be served within 2 weeks thereafter i.e. by not later than the 24th July.
4. The Hearing itself was fixed for **Friday 21st August at 10.00 a.m.** This is in accordance with Ged Harbison's availability. Please notify him of the date to ensure his attendance.

Please let me know if you intend instructing Counsel on this application. Unfortunately I<sup>am</sup> personally unavailable as I am on leave that week.

My invoice and work done schedule will follow shortly.

Yours ~~Sincerely,~~

GRO

JOHN H. DOVE.