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Dear Michael

Suspension – 20 August 2008 – Ibstock Post Office – Fad 223 217 0

Thank you for your letter of 25 February about the decision to prosecute your wife, Susan.

I am truly sorry to learn of your situation and read your letter with sadness. You will, however, recognise that Post Office Ltd has to be mindful that the cash and stock we are accountable for are public funds.

The decision to issue legal proceedings is never one that is taken lightly but to help me better understand the circumstances, I have consulted with colleagues in both the Contracts and National Security Teams. From my investigations it is clear that the alleged offences against Susan are, regrettably, of a sufficiently serious nature to support that this the correct course of action to take.

I recognise that this is an extremely difficult time and know this is not the answer you hoped for. It certainly gives me no pleasure to write a letter like this but I do hope you understand why I cannot agree to meet your request.

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