

PERSONAL AND IN CONFIDENCE

Mr Lee Castleton
Post Office® Marine Drive branch
14 South Marine Drive
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17.05.04

Dear Lee



I am writing following our meeting on Monday 10 May 2004, in which you put forward reasons why your contract for services should not be summarily terminated.

I have reviewed the papers relating to this case very carefully and have taken into account the points you have put forward.

After consideration I have decided to summarily terminate your contract for services as Subpostmaster of Post Office® Marine Drive branch from the date of your suspension, 23 March 2004, on the grounds that you have had several large unexplained losses at your office totalling £25,758.75. You were unable to make the losses good, which is in breach of your Contract For Services. There are a number of obligations set out within the Subpostmasters contract for services, one of which is that the branch is well managed and the work performed to the satisfaction of Post Office Ltd. I do not feel that you have achieved your obligations.

Please refer to your contract for services section 1, paragraphs 5 and 10 and section 12, paragraph 12.

You may, if you wish, appeal against my decision. If it is your intention to appeal, you should notify me, in writing by 31 May 2004. The format of the appeal can either be a personal interview or written submission. Should you wish to progress this avenue, I will arrange for the appeal to be heard by a member of Post Office Ltd Appeals Authority.

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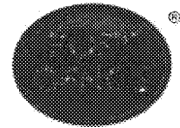
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Yours sincerely

GRO



~~Cath Oglesby~~
Retail Line Manager



To: Cath Oglesby
Retail Line Manager

I have noted the content of this letter.

If I decide to appeal against your decision, I will let you know separately.

Signed:

GRO

Date:

20-05-04