

Memo

10th March 2006

Investigation Team Post Office Limited

c.c. Lisa Allen



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POST OFFICE LIMITED v SUZANNE LESLEY PALMER
CASE NO: POLTD/0506/0619

Noted thank you.

I am of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence to afford a realistic prospect of conviction of Miss Palmer for the offences of false accounting.

This case is in my opinion more suitable for trial in the Crown Court in view of the deficiency in the account of £14,712.11. Once the decision has been made please proceed to obtain summonses.

No further statements need be obtained at this stage.

If the Defendant should elect trial or if the Magistrates refuse jurisdiction or if a Not Guilty plea is entered, the Officer should obtain and associate all necessary statements and exhibits. I list below the statements which appear to be necessary in this case, but the Officer should also consider whether there are any other areas which can usefully be covered and include any such evidence.

- 1 Statement from the Auditors.
- 2 Statement dealing with Mrs Palmer's appointment at the Office as the Subpostmistress producing a copy of the relevant extract of Mrs Palmer's contract showing it is not permitted to use Post Office Limited funds.
- 3 Statement from Lisa Allen and Chester Chine outlining their total involvement in the matter and producing the relevant exhibits for the weeks charged.
- 4 Any other statements the Officers consider relevant.

The prosecution will be conducted by my Agents Messrs Sheldons Jenkins, Solicitors of 815 Southchurch Road, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2PP (Tel.No **GRO**)
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The papers should then be returned to this Office 4 weeks prior to the hearing date so that I may instruct Agents.

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