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Subject: Suspect Offender reporting..... POLTD/0809/0



Suspect Offender Reporting

Suspect Offender Reporting must be emailed to Primary Stakeholder & copied to all Secondary Stakeholders, within 48 hours of interview.

NB: Secondary Stakeholders must not disclose personal details of suspect.

Case Reference:	POLTD/0809/0101
Branch Office / Location:	lbstock SPSO, GRO
Branch Code:	223 217
Main Enquiry Category:	Audit
Enquiry Type:	Cash Loss
Name of Person(s) Interviewed:	Susan Rudkin
Grade(s): (delete as applicable)	SPMR Asst, Wife of Postmaster
Date of Interview(s):	21/08/2008
Primary Stakeholder:	Glenn Chester
BRIEF Summary of facts of case:	Audit Deficiency. Subpostmaster (Michael Rudkin) is Chairman of the Negotiating Panel for the National Federation of Subpostmasters. Branch is managed by his wife Susan Rudkin, who has admitted to the theft of £40k. Mrs Rudkin when interviewed stated that since February 2007 she covered losses and paid funds into her bank account to pay bills.
BRIEF summary of admissions / denials made at interview:	Mrs Rudkin said that she had let things get out of control as she was running the private business, the PO counter and the sorting office staff (14 postmen). She admitted to taking PO money and paying into Lloyds Bank business accounts to meet bills. Also the inflating the cash to cover up weekly losses in the PO. It was not possible to establish a firm date when this started but she says it is since the robbery at the office some two years ago. Paperwork from office shows that the figure was around £24k short in September (2007?). Total difference in cash on audit was £43700. She confirmed that no staff were aware of what she was doing and her husband had not worked in the PO for over a year and he was unaware of the shortage until today as he played no part in running the office.
Procedural Failings identified:	No
Date of Suspension:	Postmaster suspended 20/8/08
Suspended on authority of:	Paul Williams
Date of resignation:	
Date of Arrest:	
Identified Loss: £	43700
Recovery: £	
Details of further enquiries required:	None.
Has case been reported to a Financial Investigator (i.e. for all cases over £5K):	Awaiting instructions but copied into this notification
Any other comments:	Postmaster is under the impression that he will repay the money and be reinstated with no prosecution of his wife taking place.
Fraud Advisor in case:	Mike Wilcox
Fraud Operational Team Leader:	Graham Brander

Regards,

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