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Dear Tahira,

Your E-Mail and enclosures with regard to the above has been passed on to me for attention. I confirm I am the Senior Lawyer dealing with the prosecution of Susan Jane Rudkin.

You asked for a background to the case. The Post Office Network Auditors visited Ibstock Post Office on Wednesday 20th August 2008 to conduct verification of assets audit. After being admitted to the Post Office the wife of the Subpostmaster Mrs Susan Rudkin requested a private word with the Auditor Paul Field. She then informed him that the safe would be around £40,000 short. After audit the discrepancy in the account was £43,856.89 which was mainly due to a shortage in cash of £43,761.17.

As a result she was interviewed on tape under caution by the Post Office Limited Investigation Officers, during the course of the interview she admitted that the Post Office had been experiencing losses and she had been inflating the cash on hand to cover it up. She also said that she had been taking cash from the Post Office and paying it into their Lloyds Bank Business Account to cover bills. She said that she could not say exactly when the theft started and she also said that she had felt embarrassed to tell her husband about the situation and felt that she had let him down. When asked about the cash declaration she said that she kept a running total of the shortages and just added this amount on to the daily figures. She also acknowledged that she had stolen the money from the Post Office and was not at present able to repay it.

As a result she has been charged with theft of £43,894.15 over a period between the 1st January 2007 and 20th August 2008.

She is summoned to appear at Coalville Magistrates Court on the 13th March 2009.

This is the summary of the case but if you wish to discuss or require any further details or any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

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