

Thursday 26/07/01, 8.45 Brookfield SPSO
Belfast. Arrived at Brookfield with 8
Suzanne Winkler, Investigative Manager
and Ina Crawford, Liaison Officer,
Network Audit. Introductions made
to Alan McLaughlin, Subpostmaster,
by Suzanne Winkler. Spoke with
members of staff, as they arrived for
duty to ascertain point of contact.
Mary Woods, GRO, Ruth Lavery,

GRO

and Loraine Archer

GRO

Left office at 11:10. Subst
audit still in progress. Returned to
Brookfield with Suzanne Winkler at
12:20 to conduct an interview with
Alan McLaughlin. Interview between
Suzanne Winkler and Alan William
McLaughlin regarding an number of
P&A overstatements in the accounts of
the Brookfield SPSO. Interview commenced
at 13:04. Alan McLaughlin continued
13:08 advised of legal rights, form
CS001 completed. Mr McLaughlin

requested the presence of his wife
as friend, agreed. Margaret McLaughlin
present through out interview. Mr McLaughlin
declined offer to have solicitor present.
Interview recorded on tape seals

047807 to 047811, five tapes. During
course of interview Alan William McLaughlin
made admissions that for a period
of approximately seven months, since
January 2001, he had been falsifying
the P&A account for the Brookfield
SPSO. He admitted that he
had altered the cash on hand
figure to show an acceptable
level of discrepancy in the account.
He also admitted that he had
allowed errors in the value of post
pension and allowances claimed
to "help the account". Interview
concluded at 16:20. Ref: Network
Manager. Aiden McNeill attended