

Radio Script

English 'Jan'

Male voice over: (very matter of fact)

“Most benefit thieves think they’ll get away with it. Jan was one of them.”

We hear a woman’s voice, very natural, speaking slowly, faltering and stumbling over certain words. She also sounds ashamed of what she has done.

“I said I lived alone when I didn’t.....truth is, Rob moved in with me ages ago.

Anyway.....they found out didn’t they.....so I had to pay back all the benefit I stole.....and I got fined as well.

But worst of all, I felt so ashamed. I went to the shops and I felt like everyone was whispering and staring at me.

I still can’t believe it.....I thought I’d never be caught.”

Male voice over: **“Last year we caught 232 benefit thieves every day. It’s not ‘if’ we catch you, it’s ‘when’.”**