

Radio Script

English 'Stuart'

Male voice over: (very matter of fact)

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

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

“I started doing jobs on the side....you know deliveries, removals, that sort of thing. And it was all cash in hand work so I just pocketed the money. Until they caught up with me for not declaring it that is.

Now I have to pay back all the benefit I stole.....plus I got a hefty fine.

My mates said ‘tell them you can’t afford it, what can they do’?

See, turns out, I might lose my van.....that’s what.

And all the time, 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’.”**