

Subject: Access to criminal case files (HH21/71/42, pages 27-28, SC39/68/26, No. 592 and SC36/66/120, entry 592/53).

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Information requested:

Access to criminal case files ((HH21/71/42 (pages 27-28) (entry in Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison register, SC39/68/26, No. 592 (Quasi-Criminal Roll Book for Edinburgh Sheriff Court) and also SC36/66/120 entry 592/53 (Indictment)).

NRS Response:

Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison Register:

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on the Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison Register (HH21/71/42, pages 27-28) by the Scottish Prisons Service. The information requested is now open and provided below as a transcription.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison register (HH21/71/42, pages 27-28):

Registration No. and Sex: 44 F [written in margin the following] CRO 14484/53
Edinburgh

Date of Admission: Mar 10 1953

Committing Magistrate or Court: Sh.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [column struck through]

Name: Christina McRiner or Dryden

Age: 35

Height: 5 foot, 4 1/2 inches

Education: 2

Where Born: East Calder

Nationality: 1

Prisoner's Home: 35 Langside Cres. West Calder

Occupation: Hwife

Religion: P

Health as reported by Medical Officer: [left blank]

Offence: Embezzlement

Particulars of Trial:

Date: 1953 Mar 10

Court: Sn S. 31

Where: Edinburgh

Sentence if Convicted: 9 mos

Liberated or Removed:

Date: Sep 9

By whose authority: SE

To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: [left blank]

Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Quasi-Criminal Roll Book:

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on the Quasi-Criminal Roll Book for Edinburgh Sheriff Court (SC39/68/26, No. 592) by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service. The information requested is now open and provided below as a transcription.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Roll book for Edinburgh Sheriff Court relating to 10 March 1953 (SC39/68/26, No. 592):

No.: 592

Summary S. or Jury J.: Sec 31

Date of first warrant: March 10 1953

To Apprehend or Cite: C

Prosecutor or Complainer: HM Advocate

Name of Accused or Respondent: Christina Dryden

Crime, Contravention or Offence: Embezzlement

Previous Convictions: [left blank]

Date of Declaration or First Calling: March 10

Plea: G

Date assigned for further procedure: [left blank]

Date of Sentence: March 10

Sheriff: Gilchrist

Sentence of Fine or Imprisonment - Fine: 9 mths

Expenses: [left blank]

Term of Imprisonment: [left blank]

Sentence of Caution for good behaviour, admonition or otherwise: [left blank]

Time allowed for payment:

Instalment [sic]: [left blank]

Date of Means Enquiry Court: [left blank]

Disposal at Means Enquiry Court: [left blank]

Remarks: [left blank]

Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Record of criminal jury trials, Indictment

The Indictment (SC39/66/120 entry 592/53) has also been subject an sensitivity review has been undertaken by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.

This record has been opened in full and can be viewed in digital form in the Historical Search Room at General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YY.

Further information is available on our website at:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/historical-search-room>

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