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Shamed McGarry is 'freed' after five nights in prison Former SNP MP released on bail pending an appeal. (10)

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Broadcast Summary: 11-Jun-2019
BBC Radio Scotland 16:00 - 18:00

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Former SNP MP Natalie McGarry has been freed from prison ahead of a potential appeal against her conviction for embezzling money from pro-independence groups. McGarry was jailed for 18 months after admitting embezzling more than £25,600, which included charity donations. Judges have yet to decide whether the 37-year-old has legal grounds to appeal against the conviction or sentence.

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A former MP has been freed from prison ahead of a potential appeal against her conviction for embezzling thousands of pounds from pro-independence groups. Natalie McGarry was jailed for 18 months at Glasgow sheriff court last week. But today her lawyers secured her release at a hearing in Edinburgh.

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The Times (Scotland) 23 **McGarry should have been shown mercy** The quality of mercy is not strain'd,/ It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven/ Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;/ It blesseth him that gives and him that takes ..." What Portia was arguing, in The Merchant of Venice, still goes to the heart of justice today. A judge, considering what sentence to hand down after a conviction, takes into account not only the seriousness of the

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Daily Record 21 **It would be wonderful if Natalie would say sorry SHAMED** former MP Natalie McGarry has shown no remorse for swindling £25,000 from pro-indy groups. Former colleagues revealed the conwoman has never said sorry or even admitted "as much as a clerical error". Senior SNP campaigner Kathleen Caskie said she and her colleagues exposed McGarry. Kathleen said the jailed former MP used to be a close friend but it gradually dawned on her that she was a fraudster who had

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The Herald 6 **Freeman reported MP to police** A FUTURE cabinet secretary personally reported SNP MP Natalie McGarry to the police over the theft which led to her being jailed for 18 months, it has emerged. At the time, in late 2015, Jeane Freeman was acting in her capacity as leader of the Women for Independence group (WFI). A key member of WFI yesterday gave the first public account of how it realised McGarry had betrayed its trust

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The Scotsman 10 **McGarry may have stolen 'double the amount' she was jailed for claim** An SNP activist has claimed that former MP Natalie McGarry, jailed for 18 months last week after embezzling £25,000 from pro-independence groups, may have the stolen thousands more. McGarry, who was the MP for Glasgow East between 2015 and 2017, stole £21,000 from Women for Independence (WFI) as well as donations intended for food banks. Kathleen Caskie, a former colleague of McGarry's in WFI, said the embezzled money was likely

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The Observer (Scot Eire) 53 **McGarry deserved to be punished but did we really have to lock her up?** Social media is a place to be avoided when it's time for a public execution. At these times, it becomes something savage, as an assortment of semi-literate grotesques gather to yell insults and throw eggs. On Thursday, it was Natalie McGarry's turn to face these gargoyles. The former Scottish Nationalist MP, who has an 18-month-old child, was jailed for 18 months for embezzling more than £25,000 from pro-independence campaign groups

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The Herald 4 **I liked Natalie, but there were lies being told and deception. We had to do something** A SENIOR SNP activist has spoken for the first time about how she and her colleagues made the brave decision to expose Natalie McGarry for embezzling more than £20,000 from a pro-independence group. Kathleen Caskie said the jailed former MP used to be a close friend, but it gradually dawned on her that she was a fraudster who had ripped off Women For Independence (WFI). In an exclusive interview, she

The Herald 1 **Natalie McGarry: the inside story** A SENIOR SNP activist has spoken for the first time about how she helped to expose fraudster Natalie McGarry. In an exclusive interview with The Herald on Sunday, Kathleen Caskie - a former colleague of McGarry in the Women for Independence (WFI) campaign - revealed: It was Jeane Freeman, now Scottish Government Health Secretary, who handed a dossier of evidence on the former MP to the police. She believes McGarry

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The Scotsman 23 **Why do we jail more people in Scotland?** Natalie McGarry ran a particularly unpleasant campaign to be elected in 2015. When her heavies followed Margaret Curran screaming abuse, McGarry responded sweetly that her opponent was "a fair target for community justice". Margaret Curran has displayed a higher standard of humanity. After McGarry was jailed for embezzlement, she tweeted: "This seems such a harsh sentence for the mother of a young child. This must make the case for

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