

Decades of Payne

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Born and raised in Slab Fork,
in a West Virginian home
As a stylish recreation of a thief, in womens clothes
A single mother's secret, drove her to a life of crime
Born down by the factories but with natural grace and charm

The crime that used to be her crutch
Is now her cross to bear
A single mother's secret with a 60 year career

Doris Payne by now she's on trial
She walked out with a fortune. What drove her to a life of crime?
Decades, states and countries.
But the secrets of her trade, by now have been discovered.
That's the story of miss Payne.

Payne has bragged about her crimes, In her criminal career
She blended in most perfectly, but had to live here life in fear
The Life & Crimes of Doris Payne fleet-fingered jewel thief
Her road has ended here and now, to the American dream.