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An alleged insider trader showed off her artistic and quantitative side



A London banker charged in an insider-trading ring allegedly calculated how many \$100 bills it would take to pay her cut of the proceeds. PHOTO: TOMOHIRO OHSUMI/BLOOMBERG NEWS

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Universities used to turn out poets. These days, though, many of the best and brightest graduates take their fancy educations and parlay them into high-paying junior investment-banking roles where they toil over workbooks.

Darina Windsor, one of the young London bankers charged in an insider-trading ring, showed off her creative side as well as what she learned on the job in the exhibits laid out in the charges. A 2012 email containing sensitive information to her alleged co-conspirator has the subject line: “Once upon a time, there was a Pops searching for Truffles in the Forest...”

An even more incriminating exhibit is a spreadsheet in which Ms. Windsor divvied up the loot. It lays out, with percentages and exchange rates, not only her cut of the \$2 million in alleged proceeds but how many £50 notes or \$100 bills it would take to pay her.

