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# SEX-CHANGE APRIL CLOBBERED A COP



April ... "I was being baited"

By JOHN HILL

**SEX-SWAP** girl April Ashley swept a policeman off his feet the night she hit town.

The burly blonde clobbered PC Martin Simms with her handbag after he arrested her in a London night club.

Then 45-year-old April slapped the officer in the face when he tried to question her.

Miss Ashley, who was merchant seaman George Jamieson before a sex change operation in 1960, had refused to leave Morton's Club in Berkeley Square after a party.

## Stunned

Police were called but April started swearing and shouting, magistrates at Wells Street Court, London, were told yesterday.

Mr Sam Katkhuda, prosecuting, said Miss Ashley became violent when she was taken to the charge room of West End Central police station by PC Martin Simms and a fellow officer.

**She belted PC  
with handbag**

"She took her handbag from her shoulder, swung it once around her head and stunned PC Simms," he said.

Miss Ashley pleaded not guilty.

She told magistrates: "I felt I was being baited in the police station. Some were saying 'he' and some 'she'."

Miss Ashley, of Bear Street, Hay-on-Wye, Powys, was fined £10.