

ARE THEY MEN OR WOMEN? RIDDLE OF ODD COUPLE

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A BUXOM redhead and her blonde companion were at the centre of a sex-change riddle yesterday.

They appeared in court accused of approaching men in a city suburb. But the problem was whether they should be prosecuted as women, or men.

Redhead J, F, and A once known as J, and A D.

By J P

formerly D B had been charged at a previous hearing both with importuning as males AND soliciting as females.

Prosecuting Mr. Alan Hooley told the resumed case he was opting to treat them as men — because in 1979 the couple had admitted importuning.

And he told Manchester City magistrates: "Once a male, always a male."

But F and D, who denied were found not guilty of the male offence.

Stipendiary magistrate John Coffey, who did not hear evidence on the soliciting charges yesterday, said: "I've never heard a case exactly like this one."

F, 35, of Road, Withington, Manchester, stood in the dock wearing a brown coat and dress.

D, 32, of Street, Gorton, Manchester, was wearing a dark blouse.

The court heard the couple, who looked like girls, were arrested after approaching men and were stripped by police.

But Mr Coffey said there was no evidence before him about what the examination revealed.



Redhead J, left, and blonde A.