

Troubled life of sex-swap thief

By Charles Lewington

CRAWFORD McGhee's urge to become a woman landed him in court yesterday.

For the 19-year-old transvestite from Swindon was caught stealing a skirt — for himself.

The turmoil of McGhee's emotional life was told to Bath magistrates yesterday when he appeared with flowing peroxide hair, wearing a tight mini-skirt and black stilettoes.

The court clerk called him "Miss" but chairman of the bench Dr Mary Ede referred to him as "Mr".

McGhee, who admitted theft, was put on probation for two years and ordered to pay £24 costs.

Solicitor Mr Stephen Dove said McGhee's desperate desire for a sex change had made him a laughing stock.

"None of us can imagine the turmoil that my client has to live with bearing in mind she desires to be female," he said.

"She is quite a public figure subject to ridicule, fun and innuendo and not inconsiderable notoriety."

Afterwards McGhee, who prefers to be called Elenka, said he was trying to raise £3,500 for the sex change operation in a London clinic.

He has started hormone and electrolysis treatment to prepare for the operation.

His 18-year-old boyfriend of two years was "very patient", he said.



Crawford McGhee yesterday

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