

Dressed for a 'killing'

CARL BARON popped into a toilet, stuffed a pair of socks up his jumper and reappeared dressed in skirt and ankle socks as Glenis, his 17-year-old sister in a masquerade intended to dupe a court official out of £931, Blackburn magistrates were told yesterday.

Carl, aged 19, and his mother Maureen Baron, aged 42, of Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire, pleaded guilty to procuring a cheque for £931 by deception and using it to the prejudice of the Trustee savings Bank.

...Inspector Malcolm Rawcliffe said that in 1978 Glenis was awarded £750 damages by Blackburn county court for injuries received in a road accident. The money was being held in trust until her 18th birthday in August this year.

Mr Paul Schofield, defending, who described the quick change act in the toilets, said Mrs Baron set up the plan because she was in desperate financial straits.

Carl was sentenced to six month's imprisonment and his mother to three months, both suspended for two years.