

— Woman' — prisoner loses jail appeal

AN UNEMPLOYED London man, who believes he is a woman, asked two Appeal Court judges today to reduce a two years' jail sentence passed on him because of the difficulties he faced in a men's prison.

But Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Caulfield dismissed an appeal by Sharon — formerly Ian Nolan, aged 25, of Santley House, Frazier Street, Kennington, South East London, against the sentence imposed at Southwark Crown Court on October 28 for theft and attempted deception.

Mr Justice Caulfield said doctors used terms to describe the form of illness suffered by Nolan but he was a man with a bad criminal record.

But the judge said the sentence was neither wrong in principle nor excessive and how the prison service would deal with Nolan was a matter for them and not for the court.