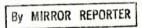






change SEX pioneer April Ashley was furious when police called her a "he."

She hit one officer over the head with her handbag.



Then she slapped him in the face and was eventually put in a cell. This made her even angrier. a court heard yesterday because the cell was in a male block. Magistrates at London's Wells Street court

told the trouble mere began after Miss Ashley, who had had too much to drink, was thrown out of a Mayfair club last August.

Pc Martin Sims said the 45-year-old actress told officers: "I'm not going anywhere."

Later at West End central police station she attacked him.

Miss Ashlev, who was the first person in Britain to have a sex change operation, told the court: "Some of the policemen were saying 'he'."

"They let me know that they were going to put me in a male cell which annoyed me intensely."

She was fined £10 for assault.



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