

Picture: CHRIS PATERSON injured in an accident, had to

WHY FIREMAN WORE MINI-SKIRT



Keith Rees . . . "I did it for a bet."

POLICE patrolmen got a shock when they stopped to help a blonde sitting in a broken-down car.

For the damsel in distress turned out to be a burly fireman wearing a wig, mini-skirt, black panties, black suspender belt and fishnet stockings.

The police also found a truncheon between the front seats of the car, a court heard yesterday.

Keith Rees, 35, pleaded guilty to carrying an offensive weapon — the truncheon.

He was said to have told police he had carried the truncheon in his car after he and his wife were terrorised by a gang of motor cyclists 12 years ago.

Childish

It would be used only "in dire circumstances."

Rees, who faces the possibility of disciplinary action from his fire brigade bosses, told the court at Long Ashton, Bristol: "I had no legal authority to carry it."

Asked to explain why he was wearing women's clothing Rees, of Hartcliffe, Bristol, said it

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was "something completely devoid from the charge,"

"I was carrying out a rather childish bet.

"Unfortunately the police took a different view of it."

Asked if he had anything to say about an order to confiscate and

destroy the truncheon and clothing Rees said:

"I don't see any reason for taking the clothing but if that is the decision of the court . . ."

Rees, married with two children, was fined £75 with £15 costs and the items were confiscated.