



Amanda Price ... told magistrates she was going through a sex change.

'Change of sex' girl in swindle

A 22-year-old woman told Birmingham magistrates today that she fiddled social security benefits because she could not find work as she was going through a sex change.

Amanda Price, of Bristol Road South, Longbridge, who was formerly a man, said she could not manage on £70 a fortnight from the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr. Ernest Howard, prosecuting, said that on two occasions, in June and September, Price was issued with replacement Giro cheques after claiming that she had not received the originals. On each occasion she cashed both cheques. The total overpayment was £49.05. Price, who pleaded guilty, was fined £100. She was ordered to pay £30 costs and £49.05 compensation to the D.H.S.S.