

transsexual on trial for wearing drag

HEMPSTEAD, NY — Pat Smith, the transvestite who was shot in the neck by an off-duty New York City transit cop last February (see *GCN* Vol.10, No.33), is standing trial for masquerading in “unnatural attire,” according to the Long Island *Connection*.

The charges are not connected to the shooting incident and arise instead from an arrest made last June 22. Smith was with two male friends who were also in drag.

The trial began March 23, but has been postponed until April 13. Smith is in the transitional phase of a male-to-female sex change and, according to her attorney, it is not unnatural for Smith to wear women's clothing. The judge has requested more information about Smith's sexual reassignment therapy which includes instructions from her doctor to dress like a woman.

If Smith is convicted, she could be fined \$25.