

Gender Happenings

BEWARE!

AEGIS would like to pass on and amplify IFGE's recent warning about "Doctor" Philip Salem. Salem is a west-coast based charlatan who exploits transgendered persons. He reportedly sells very low-potency hormone tablets through the mails for high prices, runs a transie prostitution ring, and does other illegal and questionable things to separate T-people from their money. He should be avoided at all costs.

Those who associate with Philip Salem or speak highly of him are also suspect. Be especially aware of offers for "reassignment surgery" in which you are expected to fly the "surgeon" to your home town.

AEGIS is not sure why Salem hasn't been shut down by the authorities, but we suspect his continued operation is due to apathy within the gender community. We urge you to report any suspicious or illicit offers to the postal authorities, medical licensing boards, and the directors of your support group or gender clinic.

Atlanta

On January 8, police arrested Sanders Taylor and charged him with the murder of Edna Brown, which occurred sometime around Christmas Day, 1990.

Brown, a transvestite performer and well-known in the black community, was reported missing on December 25. Police found her stabbed body under a pile of clothes in her apartment.

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Atlanta

Two men who were committing robberies to fund their sex-change operations were sentenced to ten years in prison after pleading guilty to robbing a man and stealing his car. According to police, the pair regularly worked the corner of Piedmont and 10th streets as prostitutes and may have robbed at least a dozen men. Police said the duo were successful because victims were too embarrassed to report the crimes.

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Colorado Springs

After eight days and two pep rallies, a 26-year-old female impersonator, who made the cheerleading squad posing as an 11th grade student at Coronado High School, was finally unmasked. Cheyen Weatherly was arrested and charged with third-degree forgery and criminal impersonation. Weatherly became known at the school as a friendly, polite student and had become close friends with two of the cheerleaders. The Associated Press reported that Police Detective Bob Driscoll of the local police said, "Unfortunately, it's not against the law to cross-dress."

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El Paso

The El Paso Times published this police press release. "At 2:45 A.M., a transvestite in full battle gear, Marvin 'Jovana' Rodriguez, twenty-seven, from Juarez, was arrested at 100 West San Antonio for a charge of burglary of auto. Rodriguez was taken to the central station, where officers noticed him squirming around incessantly. Police investi-