

Conway, South Carolina

A transvestite who stabbed a man acted in self-defense when attacked after the man realized his date was not a woman, a jury decided.

Jurors ruled Thursday that Normanick M. Sulin of Daytona Beach, Florida, defended himself when he stabbed Robert Smith August 31st at a house along the Waccamaw River.

Public defender Jeff Bloom said Smith attacked Sulin after finding out the woman Smith thought he picked up along S.C. 544 was really a man.

Smith, who was wearing make-up, a woman's blouse and long, pink fingernails, goes by the name of Angel Groll.

Smith denied that he made advances on Sulin and said the transvestite stabbed him in a robbery attempt.

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(Note: If this person wore women's garb to court, it makes one wonder whether "transvestite" is the correct term—Ed.)

Sydney, Australia

Australian track and field officials admit they had no idea what action to take against a male athlete who had allegedly undergone a sex-change operation and is competing in women's long-distance events.

Athletics Australia, the sport's domestic governing body, has asked the International Amateur Athletic Federation to rule on the eligibility of the athlete, who has not been identified.

The transsexual, in her late 20s, competed in the New South Wales state championship in February.

Alan Batchelor, general manager of the New South Wales state body, said his organization was expecting a protest from rival athletes the next time the transsexual competed.

"We wanted to make sure we weren't caught with our pants down when it happens," Batchelor said. "It has to be sorted out quickly because we don't want a lot of snickering and finger-pointing."

Reprinted from the Atlanta Journal, 17 April 1991, p. E1.

CQ's Quotation from the Literature

Transsexuals as a rule worked in conjunction with local medical practitioners in actively monitoring their dosage and maintaining medical supervision. Only one transsexual endeavored to monitor her own program of hormone management. She established her own schedule after much reading on female hormonal cycles without her physician's knowledge. Her doses were at levels far above and beyond even the maximum dosage regimes represented by two of the twenty centers described in Meyer, Walker, and Suplee of 5-7.5 mg. of conjugated estrogen (n.d.:8). She reached a high of 40 mg. of Premarin and 50 mg. of Provera before beginning reduction at mid-month. Because I knew she was hesitant to reveal her regime to others in the group for fear of negative sanctions, I presented her with information cited in Meyer's research and other "scare" information on the negative side effects of hormone overdose. In response, she agreed to reduce her dosages to conform to the standard recommendation. Approximately six months after this research was completed, news reached me that she had died of a heart attack. Apparently she had continued this program despite warnings from a number of transsexual friends who had come to know about her extreme hormone regimen, subsequent to my initial warning. It is not unwarranted, given her youthfulness, that the high dosages of hormones were implicated in her death.

—Anne Bolin (1988). *In Search of Eve: Transsexual Rites of Passage*, p. 126. South Hadley, MA: Bergin & Garvey.

Update on Philip Salem

Perhaps, at long last, the gender community is girding its loins to do battle with Philip Salem.

According to a press release from the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), "Cross-Talk" magazine has filed a complaint against an affiliate of Salem. The complaint was lodged with the U.S. Postal Service against "TV Guy" magazine for sending unsolicited pornographic materials through the mails.

In February's "Renaissance News," JoAnn Roberts reported that Kym Richards of "Cross-Talk" is keeping records of Salem's activities.

Ms. Richards was the author of the IFGE press release.

Philip Salem's exploitation of transgendered persons is without parallel. Please be advised to avoid all contact with him and his affiliates, including "TV Guy," the North American Transvestite Transsexual Society, and Tanya Ray (Salem's pseudonym). As "The Transvestian" continues to carry his ads, it also should be avoided.

If you have information about Salem's whereabouts or activities, please write to Kimberleigh Richards, C/O IFGE, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778.