

'MUG' DUPED

A LONDON magistrate had no sympathy for a local government officer he labelled a "mug" for parting with his cash to a sex - change girl who

duped him with a false promise of sex in Soho

Gullible Robin Close (24), first gave fair - haired Vivian Prescott £10 after being given the option of the promise of "half hour" with her or pretty Vicki Fitton, the girl he chose.

Next, he parted with an extra £10 "room deposit which you'll get back later."

And just minutes later, he reluctantly paid a further "fiver towards the key deposit" which he was told was also refundable — but the only reason he got his money back was because police were watching all the time.

"I'm not sending them to prison," announced magistrate Mr. St. John Harmsworth, after hearing the story at Marlborough Street Court. "I think mugs of this sort deserve to be done. I shall fix a minor fine for each of them."

Sex - change Prescott (23), of Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, Marylebone, and mother of two Mrs. Fitton, alias McCarten, also 23, of Joseph Conrad House, Tachbrook Street, Pimlico, admitted obtaining the £25 by deception from Mr. Close, from Bekesbourne Tower, Orpington, Kent, in the early hours

In a statement read by D.C. Carwyn Thomas, Prescott said they approached Mr. Close at 1.30 a.m. because he looked "interested".

After the man chose Fitton, Prescott went off this his £20, pretending she was going to book a room. "To make it look more convincing, I returned and asked him for another £5 towards the key deposit. The guy gave me the money and then the police arrived."

Prescott went on: "We were going to send him off with the promise that Vicki would go round the back way so as he would not be seen walking in with her... I knew Vicki would not have sex with the guy for that kind of money."

Fitton told police: "I had no intention of having sex with him.

The women were fined £25 each.

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