

Transsexual prisoner wants women's jail

La Grange, Kentucky (AP).

An inmate in the process of becoming a female claims she is a "sideshow" at an all-male prison and should be jailed with women, but the warden says she is a man because she has not had any surgery.

M. R. Stevens, who has developed breasts from hormone treatments since 1983 has male genitals. She said life in the men's prison is hurting her mental health and violating her constitutional rights.

Stevens, aged 25, is serving a 19-month sentence on a forgery conviction and expects to be released in April. She prefers to be called Misty and referred to with feminine pronouns.

She is being held in an individual cell with a private shower in a segregated wing in the prison, but claims she was initially placed in a four-man cell.

She has been supplied with brassieres but is required to wear loose-fitting clothes.

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