

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACHIEVE JUSTICE FOR VICTORIA SCHNEIDER!**

On the evening of June 13th, 1996, Ms. Victoria Schneider, a post-operative transsexual was unlawfully strip searched by San Francisco police officers and sheriff's deputies while being booked at the San Francisco County Jail on a solicitation of prostitution charge. Despite the fact that the officers on duty that evening had access to reliable information confirming Ms. Schneider's gender as female, the officers performed the unlawful strip search in order to harass and humiliate her, stating that they did not believe that she was female and that they needed to visually verify her gender. In fact, the officers who directed that Ms. Schneider be strip-searched and the officers who performed the strip search itself are guilty of misdemeanors under California law.

The City has claimed that the strip search was performed because Ms. Schneider's rap sheet showed that she had been arrested (but not convicted) for being under the influence of a controlled substance. This was not the real reason for the illegal strip search and we need your help to prove it to a federal Judge.

Ms. Schneider's lawyers are currently litigating her civil rights case in federal court and they would like to speak to any woman who:

- **has been arrested for prostitution and**
- **whose rap sheet shows a prior arrest for a drug charge**
- **but who was not strip searched before being placed in the female holding tank.**

Please call Ms. Schneider's lawyers to tell your story if this has happened to you.

Ask for: Kate Stoia or  
Karen Snell

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(415) 749-1800

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