

Police Probe Guard for Barring Trans Man From Female Toilets

Police have started a hate crime investigation after a security guard prevented a transsexual man from using the female toilets at a shopping center in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland.

River Song, 18, claims a security guard at the St James Centre said, "You are a male and always will be" after being asked to show ID.

River Song, who has not had a sex change yet, complained to the Police about the comments.

He said the guard stopped him outside the female toilets and asked why he was using them.

A spokesman for Police Scotland said: "Police in Edinburgh attended a shopping center in the city center on Monday following reports of offensive comments made by a security guard towards an individual within the complex."

They confirmed that inquiries about the incident were ongoing.

In the United States, a transsexual man was allowed to use a female changing room at a college which was also used by children.

The 45-year-old had been living as a woman since 2009, and said he believed children need to be "educated" over the issue.

But because of anti-discrimination laws, a police report showed that charges were unlikely to be brought.

In California, a controversial bill allowing transsexual students to access bathrooms and changing rooms of the gender they have chosen, was signed into law earlier this month.

Politicians have argued that the new law could be exploited.