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70s Pop Star Nabbed at Metro Rail Station; Faces Drug Charge

By JIMMY STROUP
(Jan. 20, 2006) A former teen idol, who was arrested Jan. 14 for riding the Metro Red Line without a ticket, has been charged with fare evasion and felony drug possession after heroin was found during a routine search.

Leif Garrett, best known for his work in the late 1970s as a teen singer and actor, is scheduled to appear today in a court that specializes in drug diversion cases. He pleaded not guilty to the charges, Jan. 18.

Garrett was apprehended when Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau deputies stopped him at the Pershing Square station. He is now being held without bail at the Men's Central Jail.

Garrett was denied bail because of an arrest warrant issued, Dec. 20, for an alleged probation violation in connection with a March 2005 guilty plea in a charge also involving narcotics.

Garrett's notable work includes the hit tune "I Was Made for Dancin'," an appearance on the television series ChiPs and a role in the 1983 film "The Outsiders."