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Actress gets a break on drug charge

A cocaine possession charge against actress Gail Fisher has been deferred for at least six months while she participates in a Los Angeles drug diversion program.

Miss Fisher, best known for her role as Peggy in the "Mannix" television series, was placed on 12 months probation and fined \$350 for using an illegal "blue box" on her telephone, said Deputy District Attorney Leonard Levine.

Levine said she also was ordered to pay \$1,026 to Pacific Telephone Co. to cover long distance charges she avoided.

Police said they found a small quantity of cocaine in the actress' home Jan. 19 while they were investigating reports that she was using a blue box.

If Miss Fisher, 42, successfully completes the drug program, the felony narcotics charge against her will be dropped, the district attorney said.