

Hills chiropractor shoots self after child abuse conviction

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A Farmington Hills man shot and killed himself in the Oakland County Courthouse parking lot Monday, after he had been convicted of child cruelty. Thomas Lowrey, a 58-year-old chiropractor, had left the courtroom of Oakland County Circuit Judge Hilda Gage, who had convicted him after a non-jury trial on the child cruelty charge.

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Kirk S. Raddatz of Farmington Hills has been awarded a Student Life Scholarship at Oakland University. Raddatz will graduate from Farmington Harrison High School in June and will attend OU starting in the fall of 1985.

He had gone to court that morning and was found guilty," said Capt. Branton Dennis of the Pontiac Police Department. "He told the judge he could not ac-

cept the guilty verdict," Dennis said. "He did not accept that ruling of being found guilty, that's what he said to Judge Hilda Gage. I'm sure he was highly agitated when he came out of the court."

"He and his wife walked out to their vehicle," Lowrey's wife got into the car, he then reportedly removed a gun from the car's trunk, put it to his mouth and shot himself in the head.

Lowrey was dead at the scene, Dennis said.

Pontiac officers were called to the scene shortly after 9 a.m. "We were called to the scene," he said. "Security employees regularly

patrol the facilities at the county complex. "Anyway, they called us." STORIES from witnesses indicate the incident was a suicide, Dennis said. "All the witnesses' stories relate just that, they corroborate it. Essentially, that's the story, unless something else develops."

The child cruelty charge was the result of an Oct. 18 incident involving Lowrey's 15-year-old daughter, said Officer Sandie Rochford of the Farmington Hills Police Department. "She alleged that she was struck several times with a belt by the father," Rochford said. Lowrey faced a maximum prison sentence of four years.

Following his conviction, Lowrey was released on a \$1,000 personal re-

parole bond, to await sentencing June 24.

"I left right after the verdict was handed down," Rochford said. "I left the building and came back to the station."

Following Lowrey's conviction, an altercation occurred which involved his wife, Donna, and the assistant prosecutor, Thomas Vincent.

"It was a verbal altercation," Rochford said. "She walked up to him, and had her face right up against his." The woman then reportedly told the assistant prosecutor "I hate you, you son of a b-----, You're going to rot in hell."

The 15-year-old girl has been placed in the Oakland County Children's Village, Rochford said.

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