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Spa out for prostitution count



A Farmington Hills health spa on 10 Mile Road is closed down, and the operator pleads no contest to running a house of prostitution.

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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Monday was no contest for the operator of a Farmington Hills health spa closed in February for prostitution. In a surprise move Monday afternoon at 47th District Court, Kim Ok Stokes, 41, operator of Today's Health Spa, 58255 10 Mile, pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor counts of keeping and maintaining a house of prostitution.

"She's agreed to stay out of Farmington Hills," said city attorney Derek Beckering. "Part of the arrangement is that Kim Stokes of the spa will not operate a massage parlor or do massages or have an interest in a Farmington Hills spa."

Less than seven hours after her court appearance, Stokes did not contest a recommendation to the Farmington Hills City Council to revoke her mas-

sage and spa licenses Monday night.

Stokes and her attorney, Stephen Taylor of Farmington Hills, were not present at the special council meeting, scheduled to consider revocation of Stokes' licenses. But in a letter to the council, Taylor made Stokes' intentions clear.

"I please be advised that Kim Ok Stokes and Today's Health Spa do not object to the city council revoking the massage license of Kim Stokes and the massage license for Today's Health Spa," wrote Taylor, who requested an earlier adjournment of the revocation hearing from April.

Stokes' pleas and lack of objection to license revocation were a surprise in

light of her continued not guilty stand on seven misdemeanor counts while three of her employees pleaded guilty to prostitution-related charges March 30. A fourth employee, thought to have been the spa's janitor and who did not have any license, pleaded guilty to luring. Massage licenses for three of the women were revoked in April.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of the 47th District Court took Stokes' pleas under advisement for a year. She also assessed Stokes with \$500 costs for each count, plus probation oversight. Stokes also is required to perform five days in the Community Work Pro-

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New In '92



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Hot off the press: Observer & Eccentric pressman Frank Kasperek gets the low down on the redesigned Observer & Eccentric while fellow pressman Phil Shendor checks out the press. Inserted into today's paper is a guide showing the many new features designed with you in mind. Check it out. We hope you'll enjoy your new, easier to read community newspaper.

Center clarifies its role

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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Jesus Center officials say they don't want to house homeless people permanently at their Inkster Road church in Farmington Hills.

"This is something we have been plagued with since we started," said Jackie

JESUS CENTER

Smith, who coordinated the homeless program from late November until it was stopped Feb. 29. "It (Jesus Center) acted as a warming station."

In fact, Smith continued, center officials wrote a letter Dec. 30 to the Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals withdrawing their scheduled appearance — to seek a variance to allow the homeless to sleep at the church — because they disagreed with the terms used to describe their request-in-no-tice sent by the city.

The city sued the center, 20911 Inkster, in February to force the center to stop housing homeless people and to

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Police raid bed-wetting clinic in fraud probe

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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With the help of Blue Cross-Blue Shield investigators Wednesday morning, Farmington Hills police raided an Orchard Lake Road bed-wetting clinic suspected of filing false insurance claims.

Police and insurance investigators snipped a 2-3 week joint investigation with a search of the Enuresis Treatment Center in the Westchester Office Center, 28275 Orchard Lake Road, about 11:30 a.m. Following the more than two hour search, police confiscated 15 boxes of documents and patient records, said Detective Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"We will now go through all of the records and it will be several days before everything is given to the (Oakland County) prosecutor," Nebus said.

The alleged violations being investigated fall under the Michigan Health Care False Claim Act. Blue Cross-Blue Shield initiated the investigation and contacted the police department.

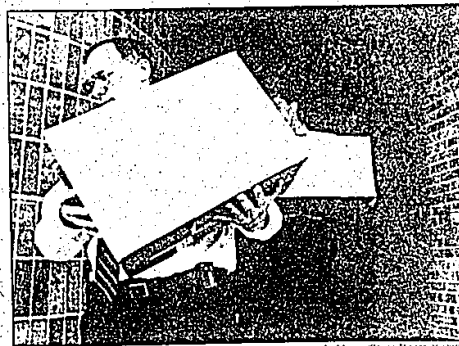
"The investigation basically centered

on the illegal filing of false claims to Blue Cross for treatment that either was not supposed to be covered or for services not provided at all," Nebus said. "We chose not to make any arrests at this point."

Nebus said he expects misdemeanor or felony arrest warrants will be issued for any number of people after prosecutors review the evidence. An Farmington Hills woman manages the day-to-day operations of the clinic, according to police, who would not identify the woman.

"The impact as far as these type of fraud cases is that this is one reason why your health costs continue to rise," said Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer.

Records search: Farmington Hills police Detectives Chuck Hubbard (left) and Tim Swanson carry records out of the Enuresis Treatment Center after serving a search warrant.



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Volunteer honored

Jane Fisher Brevik of Farmington Hills has been named to the Governor's Honor Roll for her many years of volunteer service to the Detroit Radio Information Service.

For the past 14 years, Brevik has read the news over a special radio station available to the blind and visually impaired. The station is a "sub channel" of WDET-FM, the public broadcasting station in Detroit.

"It's a valuable service," Brevik said. "Because we're reading the daily newspapers, they're getting more in-depth news than they would get from the radio or TV. On Monday, we read some of the ads from the Sunday papers. On Wednesday, we read the grocery ads."

FARMINGTON FOCUS

She was one of several honor roll recipients recognized during a breakfast at the Westin Hotel's Renaissance Ballroom in downtown Detroit.

Interagency breakfast

Residents who wish to learn more about the ongoing celebration of Farmington's 125th anniversary might want to attend the Interagency Council of Farmington/Farmington Hills breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road.

Guest speakers will be Mary Bush, Kara Clayton

and Betsey Hawley of the Farmington 125 Committee.

The Interagency Council is an umbrella organization for the many groups and clubs in the Farmington area. Call Sandy Baumann, president, at 471-8020 for more information.

The future of our roads

Pat Nowak, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, will speak on "Area and State Roads for the Future" at a Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 15, at the Farmington Holiday Inn, 38125 W. 10 Mile Road.

Cost is \$13 for members. For reservations or more information, call the Chamber at 474-3440.