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grain, where she must pay \$25 a day for the privilege of working. Stokes also was given non-reporting probation.

Part of the arrangement between attorneys included Stokes' willingness to disavow with prejudice her suit against the city. She filed her suit March 27 to seek an injunction to reopen the spa and to challenge the city's massage parlor ordinance, under which Stokes' license was revoked Monday.

Stokes also agreed not to contest the undisclosed amount of money seized in the Feb. 25 raid on the spa in the Freeway Plaza, Beckerley said.

Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer was pleased with the results of the investigation led by detective Bert Cook.

"I think the results are what we wanted. Our concern was to make sure the location didn't re-open," Dwyer said.

Dwyer also said he was surprised with Stokes' pleas. "I think it sends a loud and clear message to those who want to open those health spas where there is prostitution."

The revocation hearing was adjourned from April 1 as requested

by Taylor. Stokes' trial on misdemeanor charges, scheduled for April 30 was adjourned in 47th District Court because the attorneys were not properly notified of the hearing. At that time, however, Taylor contacted Beckerley to discuss the charges, resulting in the no contest pleas.

Though Stokes can no longer have a massage or health spa license in the city, she could apply for any other type of business license. "If she applies for a business license, she would have to be treated as anyone else," Beckerley said.

The Feb. 25 morning raid capped a two-week investigation that included undercover police officers who went to the spa posing as customers. The investigation began on part of the department and city's inspections of establishments licensed under the massage parlor ordinance.

Police believe the spa to be part of a prostitution ring organized by the so-called Korean Mafia. The ring includes U.S. servicemen who are paid to marry the women and divorce them when they enter the United States, according to police.



STOKES LEMMON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No contest plea: In the 47th District Court, defendant Kim Stokes pleaded no contest Monday to operating a house of prostitution at Today's Health Spa. She faces one year of probation and court costs.

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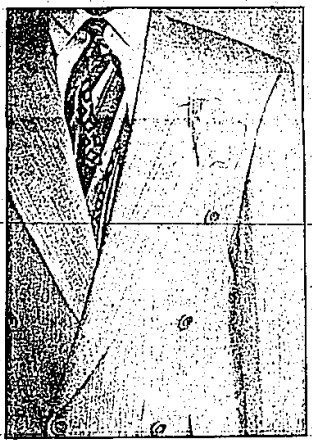
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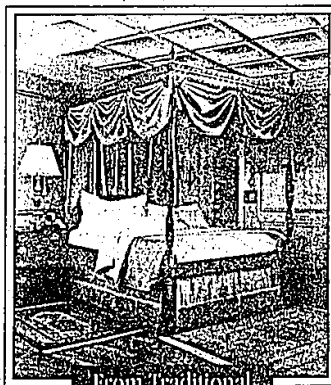
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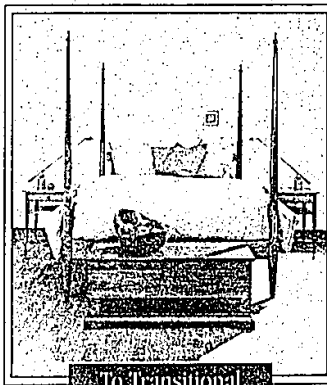
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