

Embezzlement defendant waives preliminary exam

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A former employee of Compuware waived a preliminary examination Wednesday in 47 District in Farmington Hills on two counts of embezzlement over \$20,000, which sent her case to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Sherita Donkes is charged with illegally obtaining funds while she was employed at Compuware, by redirecting expense reimbursements to several of her own checking accounts.

Officials at Compuware learned of the theft when they received calls from former employees who had received notices of reimbursements not due them.

Her co-workers told police she had given her two week notice in December, but never returned. Donkes allegedly told them she had won the lottery.

Donkes' attorney Dennis Mitchenon said he had "suppression issues" with a statement Donkes made to police, which he intended to present in circuit court during discussions about her \$10,000 bond, which Judge Thomas McDonnell continued.

A circuit court trial date has not been set.

In court: Attorney Dennis Mitchenon addresses the court for his client Sherita Donkes.



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Suspect arraigned in B&Es

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A 20-year-old man and three juveniles from Wixom confessed to about 100 "smash and grab" thefts in Commerce, West Bloomfield and the surrounding area.

Robert John Pickerin III was arraigned Jan. 12 by Magistrate Judith Holtz in 62-1 District Court on four counts of breaking and entering and one count of attempted breaking and entering.

He was released on \$30,000 personal bond.

Detective Dan Flynn of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Commerce substation said that juvenile petitions were pending at the prosecutor's office for two 14-year-olds and one 15-year-old, all boys.

Flynn said the suspects confessed to breaking and entering businesses in Commerce, Novi, West Bloomfield, Milford and Farmington Hills.

Farmington council honors local artist

One of the Farmington/Farmington Hills area's most prominent artists, Kegham Tazian, received a proclamation from the Farmington City Council during the Jan. 16 meeting.

Admiration between Tazian and Farmington apparently is mutual.

"This place has been my home," Tazian said to the council. "Thank you to everyone who was instrumental in my getting this."

Tazian's various art works - including sculpting, painting and drawings - will remain on display in the lobby of the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls through March 30 as part of the "Art in the Corridor" series.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- TYPES OF BIDS REQUIRED**
a. Notice is hereby given that CLARENCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS will receive sealed bids for the erection of a permanent bleacher seating system with pressbox.
- RECEIPT OF BIDS**
a. Bids will be received at Clarenceville Public Schools, Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, on Friday, February 2, 2001 until 3:00 p.m. local time.
b. Bids will be opened publicly in the Clarenceville Public Schools, Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, at 3:00 p.m. local time on February 2, 2001, and read aloud.
- BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS**
The bidding documents and specifications can be obtained by contacting Clarenceville School District at: Clarenceville Public Schools, Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152 or by calling (248) 473-8900.
- BIDDERS' QUALIFICATIONS**
a. Bidders submitting bids for the project shall have the following qualifications:
1) Shall be reputable, recognized organization, with at least five (5) years of successful experience performing work of the type and scope, and of equal or better quality than required for the project.
2) Shall have applicable licenses where licenses are required by authorities having jurisdiction.
3) Shall have ample financial resources to perform the work required.
b. The bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in an amount not less than 5 percent of the base bid plus all additive alternates.
c. The owner reserves the right to accept any or all bids, to waive irregularities, and to accept a bid which, in the owner's opinion, is in the owner's best interest.
- Work required by the proposed contract document shall be completed by August 3, 2001, except for minor replacement, correction or adjustment of items, which do not interfere with the operation and utilization of the bleacher system.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

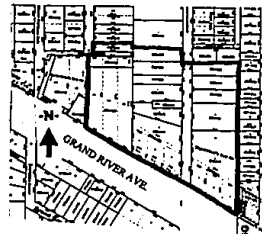
DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2001
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31566 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

ITEM: P.U.D. Plan #3, 2000

The Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to an application for Planned Unit Development Plan #3, 2000. This requests the approval of the City Council for the development of a neighborhood shopping center, to be called Grand River Crossing. Current zoning is R-4, Single Family Residential District, B-3, General Business District, P-1, Vehicular Parking District, and LI-1, Light Industrial District. The property involved is located on the north side of Grand River, east and west of Waldron Avenue, and is more particularly described as:

DESCRIPTION

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 1N, Range 9E., City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.



The applicant in this matter is Stephen Schafer, Phoenix Development Company, who seeks this approval to establish a Planned Unit Development that would facilitate the development of the property.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Planned Unit Development request. The P.U.D. Plan and Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Planning Office of the City of Farmington Hills on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
City of Farmington Hills

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LEGAL NOTICE CLARENCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 20210 Middlebelt Road Livonia, Michigan 48152

- TYPES OF BIDS REQUIRED**
a. Notice is hereby given that CLARENCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Owner) will receive Sealed Bids for the Clarenceville High School and Grandview Elementary Boiler Replacement Project as:
1) A single lump sum Bid incorporating all of the Work required to complete the Project, including all trades involved. Segregated Bids will not be accepted.
- RECEIPT OF BIDS**
a. Bids will be received at Clarenceville Public Schools, Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, on Friday, February 2, 2001, until 2:00 p.m. local time.
b. Bids will be opened publicly in the Clarenceville Public Schools, Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, at 2:00 p.m., local time, on February 2, 2001, and read aloud.
- EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**
a. The Bidding Documents prepared by URS Corporation (which include bid forms other necessary bidding and contract forms, and the proposed Contract Documents) may be examined by Bidders at the following places:
1) Washburn Contractors Association, Inc./Plan Room, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
2) P.W. Dodge Corporation, Southfield, Michigan.
3) Construction Market Data, Novi, Michigan.
4) Construction Association of Michigan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.
- BIDDING DOCUMENTS DEPOSIT AND SHIPPING AND HANDLING FEES**
a. Bidding Documents may be obtained from Westside Reprographics, 37860 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331, phone 248/489-1999. Documents will be available January 17, 2001.
1) Bidders and Subbidders may each obtain one (1) set of Bidding Documents from the office of Westside Reprographics upon receipt of a deposit of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00).
2) Shall have applicable licenses, where licenses are required by authorities having jurisdiction.
3) Shall have ample financial resources to perform the Work required by the Contract Documents.
- BIDDERS' QUALIFICATIONS**
a. Bidders submitting a Bid for the Project shall have the following qualifications:
1) Shall be a reputable, recognized organization, with at least five (5) years of successful experience performing work of the type and scope, and of equal or better quality than required for the Project.
b. If requested, Bidders shall submit evidence, in affidavit form, of experience, financial resources, work now in hand, organization, and Bidder integrity, to the Architect at least 14 calendar days prior to the time and date set for opening of Bids.
c. The Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in an amount not less than 5 percent of the Base Bid plus all additive alternates.
- Bidders labor costs for the Project shall be determined by calculating labor costs at not less than current wage rates prevailing in the county of the State where the Project is located.
- A Bid may not be withdrawn or cancelled by a Bidder for a period of thirty (30) days following the time and date set for receipt of Bids.
- The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids to waive irregularities, and to accept a Bid which, in the Owner's opinion, is in the Owner's own best interest.
- A Prebid conference will be held at the Clarenceville High School on January 28, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. local time. Attendance by bidders is not mandatory.
- Work required by the proposed Contract Documents, shall be completed by August 3, 2001, except for minor replacement, correction or adjustment of items, which do not interfere with the complex operation, and utilization of all parts of the Work contracted for by the Owner.

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