

# Million dollar bond set for alleged Internet predator

Farmington Hills resident Joshua Bandi, 33, was charged Wednesday with seven counts of criminal sexual conduct regarding an alleged relationship with an 11-year-old Flint-area girl.

Bandi, an Indian national who had been in this country on a work visa since December, stood before 47th District Court Judge Marla Parker as she entered a "not guilty" plea on his behalf, confiscated his passport and set cash bond at \$1 million. A preliminary exam was set for March 30.

Bandi is also charged with one count of using the Internet to commit a crime and three counts of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

Police believe Bandi and the girl met in an Internet chat room in February and began a relationship that led to phone conversations and several meetings in person.

Farmington Hills police along with members of the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed a search warrant at Bandi's

Elmhurst residence Tuesday. They collected evidence and arrested Bandi.

Police first began an investigation after the girl's mother reported her missing recently. Flint-area police were taking a missing persons report at the girl's home when she showed up crying, said Farmington Hills Assistant Police Chief Chuck Nebus.

If convicted of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, Bandi could face life in prison.

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■ Comprehensive, integrated development of a large piece of property;

■ Use limited to what the city wants;

■ Approvals withheld pending final site plan approval;

■ Creating a "destination" which would include pedestrian walkways and a park-like setting;

■ \$100 million investment in taxable value, which will help the city keep an appropriate balance between commercial and residential properties.

"That helps all the taxpayers in the community," he said. "It makes it easier for us to keep the tax rate as low as we can."

Brook said the city would also have architectural control and a say in which materials are used in construction.

Gary Sakwa of Grand Sakwa Acquisitions also pointed out residents in the Clairview area would have long-standing problems resolved with the sale of the homes.

For the past 10 years, residents have had difficulty getting utility and infrastructure improvements in their neighborhoods, due to pending development proposals.

"We could start demolition immediately," Sakwa said.

Grand Sakwa is also working

with Oakland County to create some landscape buffering to screen the development from residents to the south. Officials also sounded encouraged by negotiations between the developer and Kmart, about moving that store from the west to the east side of the property.

"They would like to move," Sakwa said. "They would like to do something with their store."

Results of a traffic study, also required by the development agreement, should be available in about two weeks, he added.

City attorney John Donohue said changes to the March 5 draft were a limit on commercial square footage in Phase I, limit to the height on buildings and language emphasizing only properties controlled by Grand Sakwa are bound by the agreement.

For Rick Ratner, who represents Lowe's Home Improvement Centers, that language wasn't enough.

Lowe's had initially negotiated with Grand Sakwa to be part of the three-phased development. However, the company has now put forth its own planned unit development request for the land it controls to the north.

Ratner argued that the depiction of his client's land on a map attached to the agreement meant Lowe's would be obligated by the contract.

"When the city enters into a

situation where they restrict our land...I am outraged by that," he said, demanding that the Lowe's property be excluded from any exhibits attached to the final agreement.

Donohue advised the council against doing so.

"This agreement explicitly excludes any property not owned by the signatories to this agreement...The rest of this is a lawyer trying to represent his client," Donohue said. "It is a red herring, and I don't think council should respond to it."

Council members changed two other elements of the agreement before giving it unanimous approval. In the list of allowed uses, they excluded "urgent care" centers and allowed a single, full-line home improvement center of 100,000 square feet or more on the property Sakwa controls.

Sakwa still has hopes of being able to develop Phase II, with mixed use residential and commercial properties. He invited officials to travel with his group as they toured the country looking at other "village concept" developments. Information they gather will be brought back to officials in future study sessions, he said.

Additionally, the agreement will allow for public hearings on site plans as the project develops.

### ARMED FORCES NEWS

Air Force Airman Bryan L. Yheulon has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In

addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bryan is the son of Ruth and Mark Yheulon of Farmington Hills and a 2000 graduate of Harrison High School.

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