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The Hungry Howies corporation, its president/co-owner and his son are all facing possible charges of violating child labor laws in a case brought to

light by an armed robbery last month. Sparking the investigation into the 22467 Middlebelt location was a May 6 incident where a 16-year-old female employee, working alone, was ordered at gunpoint to empty the cash register just before the restaurant closed,

according to police.

Facing possible charges are Hungry Howies Inc. co-owner and president, a 49-year-old Walled Lake resident, and his son 27, of Dearborn Heights. The son was in charge of the schedules at two Hungry Howies locations and acted as manager as well, according to police.

Arrest warrants for both men were signed Tuesday by officials at both the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and Farmington Hills' 47th District Court.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said the two are expected to surrender this week and be arraigned by next week.

The case should be a wake-up call for other businesses employing minors, Dwyer said. "No young person should have to stare down the ugly barrel of a gun — that is something that they should never have to endure."

According to state child labor laws, minors at least 16 years old (but not

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RESTORING HARMONY

HEALING TOUCH EASES PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL PAIN

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The subtle touch of a therapist's hands has made a huge difference in relieving the pain that was plaguing the life of a Clawson woman.

Sue Hendriksen, a senior citizen, has been receiving Healing Touch therapy for severe shoulder pain at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills for several months.

"It's given me a new outlook on life. I feel better all over. The staff is very caring and interested in your problem," she said.

Certified Healing Touch Practitioner (CHTP) Nancy Judge said Hendriksen had a pain level of ten when she first came to the Healing Touch Center. "After three visits she stopped taking all of her pain medicine."

Hendriksen said, "I got relief the very first week." She brought along a friend who was visiting from Traverse City to one session. "She has severe back pain. She walked out of here saying, 'I feel so good'."

Hendriksen now receives Healing Touch on a weekly basis. "It has helped a great deal — both with shoulder pain, and a balance problem I have."

The Healing Touch Center at Mercy Center opened its doors in spring of 1999, and operates as a non-profit corporation. It is the only center of its kind in the state of Michigan. It offers HT to the general public, and also provides the coursework to become a CHTP.

Not widely known

Although not widely known, Healing Touch therapy is making inroads into mainstream medicine.

"The view towards energy work has changed dramatically in the past few years. If the door were open — I'd put my foot in it. Now, a lot of people are turning to it," said Kathy Sinnott, RN, CHTP.

The center recently welcomed a group of fourth year medical students from Wayne State University for a seminar on Healing Touch. "They loved it," Sinnott said. She keeps a serene, but professional environment in the treatment center.

"You won't see any crystals," Sinnott said with a laugh.

In the official definition: Healing Touch (HT) is an energy-based therapeutic approach to healing. HT uses touch to influence the energy systems that affect physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health and healing. The goal of HT is to restore harmony and balance in the energy system to help the person to self heal.



Healing hands: Patients who have received Healing Touch therapy report relief from pain in the first week of treatment. The Healing Touch Center opened its doors in 1999.



Good vibrations: Healing Touch therapists work on a client at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills. Certified Healing Touch Practitioners employ techniques that are designed to alleviate pain and clear the body's "energy field."

"Healing touch is really energy therapy based on physics. What we are doing is clearing that field," Judge said.

She explained that pain is caused when energy is blocked in the body. "We're allowing the body to get to the business of healing itself."

Pain management

Judge, an RN, became interested in Healing Touch in 1996. "I got into this for pain management for cancer for two of my family members." She is now a CHTP.

The treatment is very beneficial to those undergoing chemotherapy.

"Energy work can really pull the toxins out of the body," Judge said.

The group often works with Gilda's Club, an organization for cancer patients founded by the late Gilda Radner, in Royal Oak.

"Healing Touch originally started out as a nursing program," Sinnott said.

It was developed in 1980 by Janet Montgen, RN, BSN of Denver. The program of study was piloted in Florida and Tennessee in 1989, and accepted as a certificate program of the American Holistic Nurses Association in 1990.

Judith Meno, an RN and a CHTP, integrates Healing Touch into her work at Port Huron Hospital. "I actually have a treatment office."

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Four charged with selling liquor during minor 'sting'

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Four adults working in Farmington Hills businesses sold alcohol to underage "decoys" who worked with police during a sting operation Thursday night.

Hills Chief Bill Dwyer said clerks at CVS, 33350 Nine Mile Road; Rite-Aid, 33330 12 Mile; 7-Eleven, 22069 Farmington; and Mr. B's Party Store, 39441 Grand River, were issued misdemeanor appearance tickets and will appear at a time to be determined at the 47th District Court. Each business owner will face a hearing before the Liquor Control Commission.

Stings are conducted with the hope of discouraging businesses from selling alcohol to minors during the peak periods of high school graduations, proms and parties, Dwyer said.

"They are checked each year at the beginning of the summer," he said.

All four businesses did better when it came to not selling tobacco to minors; they received plaques in honor of their compliance in a tobacco sting operation conducted earlier this year.

Liquor compliance operations started in 1986. The highest number of violations occurred the first year, when 26 were issued.

"The lowest number of violations ever issued was in 1999. Only one violation was issued," Dwyer said. "The statistics prove that compliance operations are effective."

According to Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus, only Mr. B's Party Store didn't have a previous citation on record.

The CVS store was issued a violation by the Liquor Control Commission March 16; Nebus didn't have information about the disposition of that case. The store was licensed in January 2000.

The Rite Aid hasn't had a violation since 1986 when it was a Perry

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Maxfield urges grads to change inequities

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Farmington Community Schools Superintendent Robert Maxfield tackled the issue of justice in his commencement address Sunday at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Farmington's three high schools — Farmington High, Harrison High and North Farmington High had separate ceremonies. At each, Maxfield shared thoughts based in his belief that Farmington students are "the product of a community that cares."

Sharing the stage with principals, class speakers and School Board President Frank Reid, Maxfield began with recollections and images of a stu-

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Graduation Day: North Farmington High School's Joseph Olstein is a happy guy. He and 722 Farmington school district graduates crossed the stage and picked up diplomas last Sunday. More photos, D8.