# Jury finds Kim's spa employees guilty

By Joanne Malizowski
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It took a six-member jury about
35 minutes to find four women and
noe man employed at Kim's Spa on
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and 25 soldeling-related charges Monday in 47th District Court,
"It was certainly a victory," said
Derk Beckerleg, prosecuting attorney for Farmington Hills, following
the five-day trial that began April 8.

Defense attorney G. Stewart Isley

of Farmington Hills was unavailable
for comment.

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The latest proceedings before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington represented the first full trial proceedings relating to the health spa arrests. Two days into the January trial of employees at the Keiko Oriental Health Spa on Nine Mile Road, the three female defendants pleaded no contest to soliciting-related charges.

Employees of the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa on 10 Mile Road, Boa on Orchard Lake Road and Osaka Oriental Health Spa on 10 Mile Road pleaded no contest to soliciting-related charges prior to trial in March. One remaining Tokyo spa employee, Myong Cha Martin, 39, is still arranging a plea, Beckerleg sald.

A MAY trial has been scheduled for employees of the Sun Health Spa on Orchard Lake Road, but pleas are being arranged, making a full trial unlikely, Beckerleg said.

Found guilty of soliciting-related charges by the jury of two women and four men earlier this week were Kim's employees Tae Matteson, 25, Sun Tok Song, 35, Ok Son Wolovek, 33, and Sun Ok Weedman, 43, and manager Kyong Hak Chang, 30, the only man arrested in the October police raids.

Schaeffer issued a bench warrant for a sixth Kim's employee, Yong

Sun Wyatt, 27, who failed to appear for trial.

Matteson was found guilty of one count of prostitution, two counts of for trial.

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EACH OF the misdeamenor counts carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine) Defendants will be sentenced following completion of presentencing institutions, Schaeffer said.

Each of the five Oriental spas was closed following either the October police raids or subsequent court proceedings.

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The Tokyo spo, 28841 Orchard Lake Road, reopened in mid-March, four days after being closed. It re-mains open, pending a hearing under

the city's business licensing ordinance. The spa was denied renewal of a 1986 business license.

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Keiko Oriental Health Spa, 29513

Nine Mile, was closed following the
no-contest pleas of female employces arrested during October police
raids. Osaka Oriental Health Spa,
38449 10 Mille, closed almost immediately after police raids. Kim's Spa,
3022 Nine Mile, and Sun Health
Spa, 29402 Orchard Lake, also have
closed, said Farmington Hills Police
Chelf William Dwyer.

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Kelko reopened April 3. When no-tified of the reopening shortly before noon April 4, Dwyer visited the spa and closed it down again. The spa was in violation of operating without a business license and in violation of

FARMINGTON HILLS Police continue to cooperate with Michigan State Police. FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service investigators to determine if there's any connection between the local spas and an Asian-based international prostitution ring. Dwyer said. On March 10, Farmington Hillstough new massage regulation ordinance took effect. Violation is a misdemeanor that upon conviction carries a penalty of up to a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.

At the time of the October raids, police also ticketed seven men for iolitering in a place of illegal occupation. FARMINGTON HILLS

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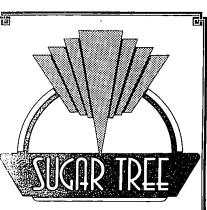
Graham Lewis, Interim superintendent for Farmington Public No.
Schools, is no of three finalists recently selected in the school board's 
search for a new superintendent, according to board President Susan
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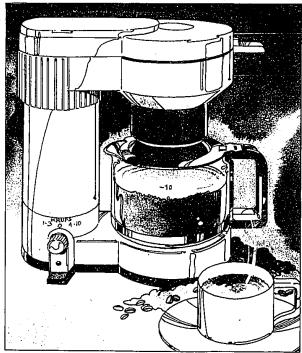
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