

Thompson sentenced to 10-15 years

Convicted pedophile Jim Thompson was sentenced to 10-15 years in prison Friday for violating his probation as a result of Farmington Hills charges of second and fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

He was extradited from Portland, Ore., in March by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Thompson pled guilty before Oakland County Circuit Judge Deborah Tyrner earlier this month. She ruled on his sentence Friday.

Thompson pled no contest to the Farmington Hills criminal sexual conduct charges in May 2000. He was sentenced to a year in jail and four years' probation and ordered to stay away from youth under the age 18 unless an adult was present, said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

Thompson violated his probation by disappearing from a private ministry house in Sanilac County in June 2001. He was living there after his release from jail.

Dwyer said he's very pleased Thompson will be behind bars for awhile.

He said Thompson told investigators he had more than 1,200 sexual encounters



Jim Thompson

with young boys in 35 years.

"We're very pleased he will be put away," the chief said, adding when the department raided his home at the time, there were hundreds of audio and/or videotapes of his sexual encounters with young boys.

--by staff writer Paul Pace

Mom leaves child in car, police charge abandonment

POLICE CALLS

loss was \$2,000.

SHOPLIFTING

A 21-year-old Southfield man was arrested for shoplifting after he took two bottles of champagne from the Kroger store at 37530 12 Mile around 9:45 p.m. Tuesday and left without paying.

SPEAKER STOLEN

A \$500 subwoofer was stolen from the inside of a 1999 Mitsubishi Eclipse Tuesday night, while it was parked at the Pep Boys parking lot on Eight Mile. Entry was gained by smashing the passenger window.

WASHER TAKEN

A \$200 washing machine was taken from a storage area at Gateway Apartments between May 19-29.

TOOLS STOLEN

During Wednesday night, a truck parked in the 32000 block of 12 Mile had \$5,000 in tools stolen from inside. The report did not list whether the vehicle was broken into.

A van parked in 28120 block of Orchard Lake during Wednes-

day night had a lock on its rear door cut to gain entry. Stolen inside were tools. Total loss was \$2,675.

MAN EXPOSES SELF

A 10-year-old girl told police she was walking home from school along Brandywine and Old Forge around 2:20 p.m. Thursday when a man drove by her in a car and exposed himself to her twice. The man stayed in his car and did not say anything.

FAIL TO PAY

Someone pumped \$11.09 in gas at the Mobil gas station at 33350 12 Mile and left without paying around 3:45 p.m. Thursday.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police pulled over a vehicle for erratic driving along Orchard Lake and M-5 around 2 a.m. Friday. The driver, a 40-year-old National City, Cal., man, had a .15 blood/alcohol level. He was also cited for having an open bottle of whiskey in the vehicle.

--Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

LOCAL FIRM ON TRADE MISSION

Automation Alley's Small Business Export Initiative, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce, is pleased to announce Quantum Electronics of Farmington Hills has signed up for the May trade mission to China. Participants will be traveling to Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou May 6-17.

Quantum Electronics was established in 1986 by Dr. Thomas A. Hamade, a Chemical Engineering Professor. Dr. Hamade is an expert in the areas of air pollution, waste-water treatment, auto exhaust testing, instrumentation

and control, semiconductor fabrication, chemical and trace analysis, field assessment of pollutants and plant design.

The company is known for its environmental consulting in the areas of air pollution control and waste-water treatment to meet regulatory and ordinance requirements. Dr. Thomas Hamade, President, and Mizra Rab, Manager of Mechanical and Electrical Design will participate in the trade mission.

Automation Alley's Small Business Export Initiative is utilizing a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to initi-

ate a series of trade missions for area firms, led by international trade specialists. These visits are designed to introduce participating businesses to pre-qualified foreign companies to help establish strategic alliances or joint venture opportunities.

Trips to Germany and Mexico are planned in 2003. A September 2001 trade mission to Düsseldorf, Germany resulted in approximately \$2 million in business for 11 local companies.

More information can be found at www.automationalley.com

METROBANK PROMOTIONS

Metrobank, based in Farming-

ton Hills, is proud to announce several recent promotions.

Dani Velasquez was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Metrobank Mortgage Services, LLC. A resident of Madison Heights, she most recently held the position of Mortgage Operations Officer. Since the beginning of her career at Metrobank in December 1995, Dani has played a prominent part in the success of Metrobank and its mortgage operations.

Judith Lang was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Human Resources. She joined the Metrobank team in 1997 as

Human Resources Officer and will continue her responsibility of overseeing the Human Resources Team. Lang is a Huntington Woods resident.

Sherry Desbrough was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Information Systems. A Dexter resident, she will continue to oversee the Information Services Team, allowing Metrobank to remain up to date as technology continually evolves. Sherry has been responsible for numerous projects since the beginning of her career at Metrobank as Information Services Officer in August 1999.

Finnish Cultural Center hosts stamp show

The Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills will host a show by the Oakland County Stamp Club, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 8 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 9.

The show will feature stamps, covers, topicalia, postcards, revenues, Cinderella's new issues and supply dealers from the Midwest and Canada.

The Cultural Center is located at 35200 W. Eight Mile. Admission is free.

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The Lakes Area Youth Soccer League will hold registration for the 2002 Fall season at the ORCHARD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. ORCHARD LAKE ROAD BETWEEN MAPLE & WALNUT LAKE RD. ABBOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2002 - 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. ORCHARD LAKE ROAD & COMMERCE

This program is for boys and girls aged 6 or older as of 7/31/2002. Proof of age is required for players new to the league. For more information call 539-4866.

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U12 Girls select, June 17 and 22, 1-3 p.m. at Keego Harbor Fields.
U17 Girls premier, June 15, 10 a.m. at Keith Sports Park.
U10 Co-ed advanced training sign up, June 13 and 14 6:30-8 p.m. at Keith Sports Park.
Check with 248-539-4866 for other opportunities that may come.

Extra registration forms for mail available at:

- Walled Lake Community Education
- Walled Lake Community Education, Pontiac Trail near Maple
- West Bloomfield Community Education
- Orchard Lake Middle School, Orchard Lake north of Maple
- West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation
- West Bloomfield Civic Center
- Commerce Township Hall
- West Bloomfield Township Hall