

Sodomy plea gets man 10 years in state prison

A 37-year-old Jennings man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to aggravated criminal sodomy against a 10-year-old boy.

Stanley F. Shimek, a former janitor at the Jennings School, was arrested Feb. 13 on eight counts of feloniously and intentionally engaging in sodomy with a person under 14, a 10-year-old boy. His bond was set at \$100,000.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, seven months later, Mr. Shimek was sentenced to 10 years in jail, restitution to the family of \$789 and three years of supervision after he is released.

With costs and the restitution, Mr. Shimek was ordered to pay \$4,229. In those seven months, Mr. Shimek's lawyer David Baumgartner asked for an evaluation of Mr. Shimek's competency. The exam was done by High Plains Mental Health of Hays.

In April, Mr. Shimek was found competent to stand trial, but was enrolled in a treatment program designed to establish competency. He was sent to Larned State Security Hospital for a term not to exceed 90 days.

After he returned, Mr. Shimek's father posted a bond to get him out

of jail. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing and plea negotiations started.

The agreement was if Mr. Shimek would plea guilty to the first count of aggravated sodomy, the other seven would be dropped. There would be no trial.

Mr. Shimek agreed to the plea.

Papers filed Monday, Sept. 13, refer to Mr. Shimek as a predatory sex offender. That means he will have to register as a sex offender and provide the state with samples of his blood or saliva for DNA registration.

The next day, he was sentenced to prison.

While the question was raised of whether former Jennings Superintendent Lee Stieben knew about the incidents before they were reported to police, Assistant County Attorney Preston Pratt said no charges will be filed against Mr. Stieben. It is questionable as to whether Mr. Stieben knew anything, said Mr. Pratt.

The former superintendent left the Jennings District at the end of the last year. Dave DuBois, who had been superintendent before him, returned to lead the district on a part-time contract.



AT GORMAN TARPS, Robyn Rouse worked alongside her father, Neal Russell. Robyn and her husband Robert, who own the business, just reopened a second shop in Great Bend. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

County to pay car bill

The Decatur County commissioners agreed Tuesday that a bill for electrical work on a Ford Expedition the county sold should be sent to the sheriff's office.

Rusty Addleman bought the 1997 Expedition at the end of July, first of August by sending in what turned out to be the only bid for \$5,055. Mr. Addleman told commissioners Tuesday that he was led to believe the vehicle was in good working condition.

When he picked the truck up, though, wires hanging out of the hood. Mr. Addleman said he took it to Ron's Tire. Later he realized there weren't any tail lights and the right headlight didn't work.

Mr. Addleman said he took the vehicle to the Ford dealer in McCook to have it fixed. When the emergency lights were disconnected, wires were left hanging out the vehicle and other wiring for lights was disturbed. Everything was fixed, he said, and he planned to submit a bill to the sheriff's office.

Then, he said, the check engine light came on. He said he took the truck back to Wagner Ford-Mercury, and they told him the transmission is going out. Mr. Addleman said he has driven the vehicle just 1,000 to 1,500 miles.

The new transmission is going to cost around \$2,500. Mr. Addleman said he talked to the sheriff beforehand and he assured him that it was a good vehicle.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he remembered a bill for the emergency lights to be removed.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked Mr. Addleman if he had contacted the sheriff about the problem, and he said he had. She said the sheriff had never been to the commissioners to talk about the problem.

The wiring part doesn't sound right, Mr. Unger said. The county paid to have the emergency lights removed.

The commissioners called Sheriff Ken Badsky, but he was out. He came by later.

He said they paid a company in Dodge City \$300 to remove the emergency equipment and lights. He said he went to Ron's Tire when Mr. Addleman took the vehicle in, and one of the headlights wasn't working. He traced the wire back and it had been split. Sheriff Badsky said he was upset about the way the firm left the vehicle, too.

Mr. Unger said he thought Mr. Addleman understands that he bought the vehicle "as is," but the electric part needs to be made right.

Mr. Unger said he thinks the county should pay the bill for Mr. Addleman and then see if they can collect the money.

County discusses fence for Good Sam

The Decatur County commissioners talked with the maintenance supervisor from the Good Samaritan Center about replacing the fence around the air conditioners on the roof.

LaVern Burtis said he would like to replace the fence on the roof with one made out of two-by-four boards that would match other fences at the center. The group talked about attaching the fence to steel posts. In the past, said Mr. Burtis, they used a rope to anchor the fence.

The fence will cost around \$500, he said. Roofmasters is replacing the roof, and Mr. Burtis said they are about half done. He said they spent about three or four days working around the air conditioners and heaters, removing the old fence in the process.

The commissioners also talked about putting gutters on the building, something that was not in the bid for the roof. Commissioner Ralph Unger said the building may have to be guttered if the roof is flush with the building.

The group agreed to try gutters over the main entrance. In the past, the building didn't have gutters and the water pooled back and got trapped in the roof.

Mr. Burtis said the workers are staying overnight in town during the week. Although they have had two

County roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Agreed to pay for a five-year IBM maintenance contract as a lump sum. Story next week.
- Ratified the purchase of a 1990 Dodge Ram truck for \$2,000 from federal surplus property in Topeka for the road and bridge department. Story next week.
- Talked with the Good Samaritan Center maintenance man about putting a fence around the air conditioners on the roof. Story at left.
- Decided to send a bill for electrical work on a vehicle the county sold to the sheriff's office. Story on far right.
- Agreed to buy \$3,000 worth of books for emergency medical service training. Story at right.

slow days because of weather, they are moving quickly. They have a lot of the materials here. He said the roofers can replace 20 to 30 feet of roof a day.

Mr. Unger asked if the roofers found moisture. Mr. Burtis said they did find some in the insulation.

Business opens satellite shop

Gorman Tarps of Oberlin has opened a satellite shop in Great Bend.

Robert and Robyn Rouse bought the business in Great Bend two years ago and moved it to Oberlin. Since then, Mr. Rouse said, he had been traveling to Great Bend each week to work with customers.

Before they purchased the business, he said, it had been there for 20 years.

Customers in Great Bend wanted a place that they could go in and talk with someone instead of doing business over the phone.

When the firm moved to Oberlin, said Mr. Rouse, some of the customers in Great Bend thought that the company had gone out of business. Although they tried to maintain as many customers as they

could, he said, they would like to regain some of the ones they lost.

The store in Great Bend will stock a few items so they can do repairs, said Mr. Rouse, but most of the production will be done here and then the product will be taken to Great Bend.

There is one employee in Great Bend. The shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

He said he will continue traveling to Great Bend once a week.

The plan is to get a lot of that business back so that the shop here can do more and possibly add some jobs here. There are two employees in Oberlin.

Gorman Tarps in Oberlin is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment.

Books purchased for classes

Decatur County commissioners approved the purchase of \$3,000 worth of books for emergency service training at their meeting last Tuesday.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said a first responder class will start Monday night with 10 people signed up. The classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays.

He said he will then teach a "bridge" class from first responder to emergency medical technician on Tuesdays and every other Thursday.

The commissioners asked if there is any grant money available to help buy books and supplies for classes.

Mr. Pomeroy said he will check, but he has to wait until the first day of class since the requirement on some is to have students.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked if anyone from outside the county is taking the class. Mr. Pomeroy said there are a couple. Commissioner Ralph Unger said they need to be billed. The cost would be around \$400 for the class, books and supplies.

Mr. Unger asked if the ambulances are getting regular maintenance. Mr. Pomeroy said they are. He just took one to Quality Truck for maintenance. He said the oil

changes are being done by mileage. Mr. Pomeroy said they haven't had the state inspection yet. He said he has just a few items left to get ready for the inspection.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard the 20 new radios from an emergency preparedness grant have come in. Director Bert Cool is sending them to be adjusted.
- Heard that the garage door at the ambulance barn has been fixed.

Notice of Sale

UPON A CURSORY INSPECTION, THE UNIT WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN:

- 1985 CHRYSLER LEBARON VIN # 1C3BC51D4FG252434
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Tenant Name	Unit Number
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Collect-Automated	\$0.45	\$0.55	
Card-Customer Dialed and Operator Dialed	\$0.45	\$1.15	
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Collect	\$3.50	\$2.99	\$7.50
Billed to Third	\$3.50	\$6.99	\$9.99
Sent Paid Non Coin	\$3.50	\$4.99	\$12.50
Person, all billing types	\$4.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Card	CIID Current	LEC Current	Com'l Current
Customer Dialed Automated	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
Customer Dialed Must Asst	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
Customer Dialed Opr Asst	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
Operator Dialed	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
Card	CIID Proposed	LEC Proposed	Com'l Proposed
Customer Dialed Automated	\$1.50	\$4.99	\$2.99
Customer Dialed Must Asst	\$1.50	\$4.99	\$2.99
Customer Dialed Opr Asst	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50
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