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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: Stalking Brothers**

Two brothers who plead to stalking a Sheboygan realtor, her sister, and threatening several of her clients, were sentenced this morning in Sheboygan County Circuit Court Branch 5.

Thomas Goetsch, DOB 6/28/55, and his brother David Goetsch, DOB 6/13/54, had previously plead to two felony counts of staking and three felony counts of Threats To Injure. According to DeCecco, the stalking counts covered an approximate ten (10) month period in which a number of letters were sent to Mary Jane Daniels, which letters contained sexually explicit degrading remarks towards both Mary Jane and her sister, who is also a realtor. In addition, according to DeCecco, letters soliciting sexual acts and reflecting suicide desires were sent to a variety of people and mental health care providers purporting to be authored and sent by Ms. Daniels. In February, the letters to Mary Jane and family members predicted her death by April 10, 2007, with follow-up letters changing that date to April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Threats to Injure counts reflected threats to clients of Ms. Daniels to either change realtors or they and their family would die and their homes burned.

Judge James Bolgert sentenced Thomas Goetsch to seven (7) years total probation on all counts, recognizing that Thomas was functioning at the mental level of a 6<sup>th</sup> grader according to a previously ordered court evaluation. His brother David, however, was sentenced to a total of 1.5 years confinement to prison to be followed by two years of extended supervision on both staking charges, to be followed by five (5) consecutive years of probation for the threats to Ms. Daniels' clients. Although DeCecco had recommended seven (7) years confinement followed by five years extended supervision for David Goetsch, he stated he was pleased that a prison term was ordered.

“There was no question in my mind that the terrorizing of these two women realtors cried out for a prison term for David and I was hoping for a term closer to my seven year recommendation, but at least he got prison for what he did to these two innocent women who didn't even know who he was,” DeCecco said.

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