

Westtown man's conviction upheld

INATI — Federal upheld a Peshawar man's conviction for murdering his infant daughter in a sexual assault. William Deuman is serving a mandatory sentence in an federal prison after a district court jury in Grand Rapids found him guilty of first-degree murder.

A jury indicted and convicted Deuman, a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, in his 3-month-long fight for his daughter's August 2011 death in his home on the M-22 reservation in Peshawar.

Deuman appealed his conviction, but on June 11 the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit rejected all his arguments. Their opinions state the case's facts are avoidably disturbed and provided "nearly overwhelming" evidence of his guilt. A court document states Deuman told agents "it was possible an evil spirit that entered his house entered my mind and compelled me to do it." Deuman's death led to his daughter's death. An autopsy found his daughter died of asphyxiation. Federal prosecutors contended this occurred during a sexual

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Pier group reviews design teams

Committee will select which firms to interview on June 24

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TRAVERSE CITY — Seven teams of well-known engineering and marine consultants cast proposals to design and engineer a public fishing pier in Traverse City.

Most of the firms have done work in the region, including two that worked on the city's bayfront plan and one, SmithGroupJJR, that designed the city's marina. Two of the firms also worked on what some might consider Lake Michigan's most famous pier, Navy

Pier in Chicago.

"The quality of the candidates is very good. I'm familiar with all of them and they are all top-ranking organizations," said Ryan Matuzak, a member of the city's pier study committee that will rank the proposals. "We have some great people that are interested in being part of the project."

Committee members received the proposals on June 13 and will individually rank them before meeting to compare notes and select firms to interview on June 24 at 1 p.m. in the Governmental Center. The committee will make a final recommendation to the city commission.

"They look like seven great proposals, so the problem is going to be figuring out who is

the best fit for our community," said Missy Luick, city staff's project liaison. "Hopefully, it will be really obvious once everybody has looked at them."

The project teams include:

■ Fleis & Vandenbrink, of Grand Rapids and Traverse City, along with W. F. Baird Associated Ltd., a Wisconsin-based marine engineering firm.

■ Beckett & Raeder, of Ann Arbor and Traverse City, which also will partner with W.F. Baird Associated Ltd.

■ SmithGroupJJR and Gourdie Fraser Associates of Traverse City, plus Interpretive Signage/ Interpretive Ideas to create educational and interpretive signage on the pier.

■ PORT Architecture and Urbanism, LLC, of Chicago, and

Traverse City-based marine and engineering firms The Schiffer Group Inc. and Soils & Structures.

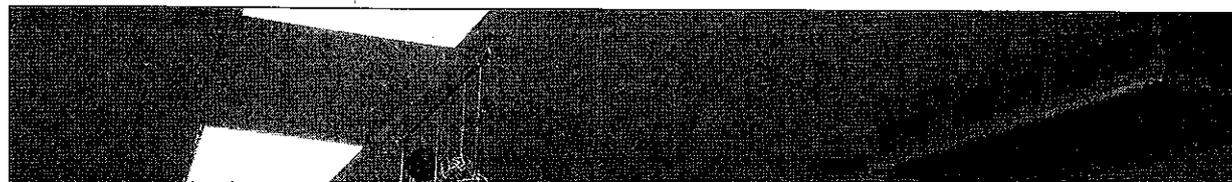
■ Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc., Consulting Engineers of Bloomfield Hills, plus Landscape Architecture and Planners Inc. and Ric-Man Construction Inc.

■ URS Corporation, of Traverse City, which worked on the bayfront plan, and the Traverse City engineering firm Gosling Czubak.

■ Spicer Group, Inc., of Saginaw, and the public relations firm of Truscott Rossman to run the public engagement process.

Hamilton Anderson Architecture, the company involved in the city's troubled Clinch Park redevelopment, did not submit a proposal.

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