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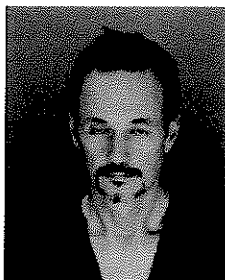
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Ex-Adams Softball Coach Sentenced to 1 Year in Jail for Sexual Contact with Teens

In court Thursday, one of the girls declares 'love is ageless' as 59-year-old Thomas Dennis Powell of of Rochester Hills is also sentenced to five years probation.

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A former volunteer [Adams High School](#) softball coach was sentenced Thursday to one year in the Oakland County Jail and five years of probation for having sexual contact with two teen-age students, according to reports.

Thomas Dennis Powell, 59, of of Rochester Hills, who was an assistant softball coach at the time, was arrested last March and charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree and one count of delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance.

He was subsequently released on bond and ordered to wear a GPS tether and not have contact with either of the two girls involved in the case.

A month later, he was arrested for violating his bond after Oakland County Sheriff's officers found him at the [Concorde Inn](#) in Rochester Hills with one of the teen-age girls.

On Thursday, he pleaded no contest to two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a student, according to [The Oakland Press](#).

At the sentencing, one of the girls, now 18, professed her love for Powell.

"I will be waiting each and every day until he gets out. ... Love is ageless," the former softball player told Judge Phyllis McMillen, [according to The Detroit News](#).

Powell was also ordered to pay more than \$5,400 in fines and court costs and will not be permitted on Adams High School property or volunteer with youth organizations.

The relationships were discovered when "one of the mothers suspected something was wrong and confronted her daughter about the relationship with the coach," according to a report from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Powell was accused of supplying "one of the victims with drugs during one of the encounters" and of supplying "the two victims with cell phones he paid for so he could communicate with them," according to police reports.