

Former ND senator transferred to federal medical prison for child sex abuse sentence

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CALENDAR

Jamestown/Stutsman **Development Corp.** Joint New and Existing Business Committee, noon, lower-level conference room, JSDC/ chamber building, 120 2nd St. SE.

Sunday, June 8 **James River Alcoholics** Anonymous, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE.

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BY APRIL BAUMGARTEN The Forum

ROCHESTER, Minn. -A former North Dakota senator who planned to sexually abuse children

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Holmberg,



Holmberg

a Republican from Grand Forks, was taken from the Sherburne County Jail in Elk River, Minnesota, to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester on Wednesday, June 4. Rochester is one of six cities in the U.S. that have a federal medical prison.

Holmberg was sentenced in March to 10 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to traveling to Prague multiple times between 2011 and 2016 with plans to sexually abuse children as part of commercial sex.

Holmberg has several health conditions that

qualify him for a medical prison, said his attorney, Mark Friese. Holmberg said he suffers from allegations connected to "serious" spinal and pulmonary issues.

Friese argued that Holmberg be sentenced to home confinement, transferred noting that treatment in to a federal a prison would be more costly. Prosecutors asked for about three years in prison, which fell within federal sentencing guidelines.

Prosecutors said the 81-year-old also targeted and groomed young men, including a University of North Dakota student and a Grand Forks Central High School student.

The high school student said he met Holmberg in the mid-1990s when Holmberg was a counselor at Central. Investigators said they believe the student was an adult when Holmberg paid the student for sexually explicit videos of himself and sex.

The student also claimed Holmberg sexually assaulted him in

Friday, June 6 2012 in a Bismarck hotel. Jamestown Overcomers Holmberg did not face Narcotics Anonymous. 7:30 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 4th St. NE. Holmberg was a state

James River Alcoholics Anonymous, noon (closed, topic) and 8 p.m. (open, speaker meeting) AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE.

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30 p.m. Regular weekly step meeting; phone meeting only. Call 701-320-2386 before meeting time to get information on calling into meeting.

Jamestown/Stutsman **Development Corp.** Finance Committee, 11:30 a.m., lower-level conference room, JSDC/chamber building, 120 2nd St. SE.

Saturday, June 7 **Buffalo City Group** Alcoholics Anonymous, 9 a.m. (open, topic), AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE

James River Alcoholics Anonymous, noon (open, parent/child/topic) and 8 p.m. (open, candlelight/ topic), AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE.

James River Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m., (closed, women/topic), AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE

Running of the Pink, 9 a.m., R.M. Stoudt, 800 23rd St. SW, Jamestown. Register at R.M. Stoudt for the 5K or 10K run/walk event. Registration is also available on the day of the event.

Family, 4 p.m., AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE.

Adult Children of Alcoholics. 7 p.m., AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE

Narcotics Anonymous,

4:30 p.m., New Hope Free Lutheran Church, 1545 4th Ave. NW.

Men's Prayer Meeting, 2 to 2:30 p.m., Sertoma Shelter at McElroy Park, 502 15th St. SE, Jamestown.

Sofia Talvik concert,

5:30 p.m., 1883 Stutsman County Courthouse, 504 3rd Ave. SE, Jamestown. Swedish singer-songwriter brings her signature blend of folk music and storytelling. Doors open at 5 p.m. Admission: Free.

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after The Forum report-

Grand Forks man who

was jailed and later con-

charges. The report was

published more than a

year before Holmberg

was federally charged.

He also worked for

Grand Forks Public

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as a counselor.

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