



City of Cambridge

II.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 1991

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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- WHEREAS: Sheldon was the originator of the "six footer" woolen scarves in college color and co-founder of a swordfishing enterprise on Martha's Vineyard; and
- WHEREAS: Sheldon was born in Boston and was a graduate at Boston latin School, Harvard College and Harvard Business School; and
- WHEREAS: Sheldon served his country during World War II aboard a destroyer escort and on Guam as a Navy public relations officer on the staff of Admiral Chester Nimitz, the Allied Commander in the Pacific; and
- WHEREAS: After the war he and a friend began manufacturing neckties in New York and then opened the Six Footer Company, maker of knitted scarves; and
- WHEREAS: In 1964 Sheldon and two friends founded Chilmark Fleet Company which built two 83 foot steel vessels designed for the long line method of catching swordfish; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Sheldon Dietz at this time of such personal loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Annabel Dietz on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 7, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

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Consent.
October 2, 1991

Councillor Sullivan

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SHELDON DIETZ

Sheldon Dietz, 71

Started scarf business

Sheldon Dietz, originator of "six footer" woolen scarves in college colors and cofounder of a swordfishing enterprise on Martha's Vineyard, died Monday in Massachusetts General Hospital of complications from a stroke. He was 71 and lived in Chilmark.

During the 1960s he converted an 1847 carriage factory on Palmer Street in Harvard Square into offices and shops.

Born in Boston, Mr. Dietz graduated from Boston Latin School, Harvard College in 1941 and Harvard Business School. During World War II he served aboard a destroyer escort and on Guam as a Navy public relations officer on the staff of Admiral Chester Nimitz, the Allied commander in the Pacific.

After the war, he and a friend began manufacturing neckties in New York. Then he opened The Six Footer Co., maker of knitted scarves sold mainly on college campuses.

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He leaves his wife, Annabel; a son, Robbie, of Washington; a daughter, Laurie, of Cambridge; and a sister, Janice Madoff of Newton.

rn suspect

"they would've taken away his license and he wouldn't have been able to continue to operate the way he had been," an investigator said.

Brule said police also discovered that Brendel apparently had written two checks totaling as much as \$1,500 to Hightower. The checks were made out Sept. 19 or Sept. 20 and were used by Hightower to cover a bad check he had written.

According to police, Hightower's world went into a tailspin shortly after noon on Sept. 20, when Barrington police and sheriff's deputies told him that his wife had obtained a restraining order against him for allegedly threatening her life. Susan Hightower had recently filed for divorce.

Brule said police escorted Hightower from the new colonial-style home on Jones Way that belongs to his in-laws, Clyde and Mary Lou Slicker.

Hightower said that he spent the night of Sept. 20 in the Brendels' home but would not say whether the Brendels were there, too, Brule said. He also claims that the Brendels loaned him their car.

But the case did not begin to unfold until Sept. 23, the day after Hightower drove to the home of Brendel's sister and brother-in-law in Guilford, Conn., and said that his family and the Brendels had been kidnapped and \$300,000 in ransom had been demanded. Hightower allegedly asked the couple for \$75,000.

Between 5 and 7 a.m. on Sept. 23, Hightower allegedly called the couple back and told them, "Never mind. Forget it. I'll raise the money myself," an investigator said.

FBI called

The couple then called the FBI, and agents asked the local police to help locate the family. Hightower's description was given to Barrington police, and a patrol officer spotted him driving the Brendels' car.

Brule said police had previous contact with Hightower twice, once for a charge of passing a bad check and the second time for the restraining order obtained by Susan Hightower.

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CONSENT

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Order adopted