

Addams Family Tune

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A man who harassed his neighbours for more than four years, by repeatedly whistling the theme to *The Addams Family* film at them, was jailed.

Leopold Wrobel, 51, made the lives of Michael and Kathleen Sharpe 'an absolute nightmare'. They were virtual prisoners in their home through his constant attention. Chesterfield magistrates' court was shown CCTV footage which picked up his repeated whistling as the couple arrived or left the house.

Michael Treharne, prosecuting, said each incident taken in isolation would probably seem silly or almost pathetic.

"But if something happens on an ongoing basis, ... eventually it reaches the stage of being absolutely intolerable," he told the court. Wrobel denied all allegations. Julia Bosworth, defending, said Wrobel disputed he was the perpetrator of all the whistling and that his whistles were directed at his dog, not the Sharpes.

Wrobel was convicted on all counts and sentenced to 20 weeks in prison. After the hearing Mrs Sharpe, 66, of Wingerworth, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, said: "I'm so relieved, it has been an absolute nightmare. It has affected our health and all the family."

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Omcirkel achter elk nummer 'juist' of 'onjuist' in de uitwerkbijlage.

- 1 Leopold Wrobel zei dat hij zijn burens alleen maar probeerde te vermaken.
- 2 Er was duidelijk bewijs dat de gebeurtenissen regelmatig plaatsvonden.
- 3 Volgens de advocaat van de verdediging was het fluiten voor de hond bedoeld.
- 4 Eén van de slachtoffers vertelde dat ze allemaal nare dromen had.

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