

SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME REPORT

Items Invented

Date

77-6580

Date & Time Reported

3-28-77

Classification

JUVENILE (288 P. C.)

1 Date Crime Occurred

4 Day of Wk Crime Occurred

Mondays

Date & Time Crime Occurred

1-77 to 4-1-77

Location of Offense

Franklin School, [REDACTED], S. M.

7 Day of Report

8 IAP

9. Victim's Name (Firm name if business)

10. Offense Address (Firm address if business)

Zip

Res. Phone

Business Address

McKinley School 4th Grade

Bus. Phone 0800-1700

11. Victim's Name (Firm name if business)

12. Residence Address (Firm address if business)

Zip

Res. Phone

Business Address

Bus. Phone 0800-1700

13. Person Reporting Crime to Police Dept

Investigator A. Warren

14. Complete Residence Address

Zip

Res. Phone

and Investigator M. Wood - Santa Monica Police Department

Business Address

Bus. Phone 0800-1700

15. Person Who Secured Premises or Vehicle

16. Complete Residence Address

Zip

Res. Phone

Business Address

Bus. Phone 0800-1700

17. Witness(es) Name

18. Complete Residence Address

Zip

Res. Phone

Business Address

Bus. Phone 0800-1700

19. Complete Residence Address

Zip

Res. Phone

Business Address

Bus. Phone 0800-1700

2. Occupation Sex Race Age

Student

M

C

10

22. Investigative Bureau or Units Notified (Bureau of Unit and Person Contacted)

Investigators Warren and Wood

23. Street Lights

Yes ☐ No ☐

24. (1-5-67)

25. Evidence Tagged? (Yes or No - If yes, Locker Number or Person Released To)

26. Type of premises

School

27. Instrument, Weapon, Force or Means Used

Hands

28. Point Where Entrance Made

29. Method Used to Gain Entrance

30. Were Occupants Present or Absent?

31. Vehicle Locked

Yes ☐ No ☐

32. IT YES NO

33. Type of Property Taken

34. Exact Location of Property on Premises

Form #26 made ☐Form #38 made ☐

35. Victim's Vehicle - Year, make, type, color, license number

36. Amount of Loss

37. Suspect's vehicle - Year, make, type, color, license number and any other identifying features

38. Trademarks of Suspect(s) (Unusual Feature of Crime That is most Apt to recur from Crime to Crime)

Boy Scout Leader molests member of troupe

19. Sex Race Age Height Weight Hair Eyes Compl. Clothing

20. M C 40

DATE OF BIRTH 10-6-36.

Name and Address Identifying marks and characteristics. (If arrested, suspect's full name, booking number and age only)

ROSS, Michael Allen - Bkq. #1851 - 1519 26th St., #B, Santa Monica.

21. Sex Race Age Height Weight Hair Eyes Compl. Clothing

Name and Address Identifying marks and characteristics. (If arrested, suspect's full name, booking number and age only)

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Investigator

Sgt. S. Brackett

Investigator No

Officer(s) Reporting

Serial No.

On Tape

Investigators Warren and Wood

Yes ☐ No ☐

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On 3-28-77 Detective A. Warren was contacted at headquarters by a male juvenile, [REDACTED], telephone [REDACTED], age 16 years of age. [REDACTED] advised Det. Warren that he and another juvenile, 15 year old [REDACTED], telephone [REDACTED], who resided in the area of Lincoln and Marguerita, had been shown slides (photographic slides) on 3-27-77 at [REDACTED] home by a male adult named Ralph (later identified as Ralph Bonnell, 1236 Euclid, #103, Santa Monica, telephone 394-7940). These slides had depicted sexual contact between young boys such as oral copulation and anal intercourse. [REDACTED] stated that they had been told by Ralph that he had taken the slides away from a man named Michael Ross and that Ross had taken the slides himself.

After receipt of the above information, an investigation was initiated which resulted in the identification of Ralph Bonnell as being the person in possession of the aforementioned slides. On 4-5-77 Ralph Bonnell came to headquarters where he turned over to Investigators Warren and Wood a white plastic container which contained twenty-two color slides. Bonnell stated he had obtained the slides from the home of Michael Ross, who then lived on Indiana in Venice. That at that time he was leasing a garage from Ross and had permission to use the house for bathroom facilities. He had observed the slides on the coffee table in August of 1976, had been very incensed that Michael Ross would have pictures of that type and had confronted Ross with the slides, then had beat him up because he was so angry over having seen the slides.

Bonnell stated that Michael Ross had not admitted to him that he had taken the slides, however, Bonnell believed Ross made the slides because he recognized a green room divider in the slides as one belonging to Ross. Bonnell also related that Ross owns considerable photographic equipment, including cameras and photo enlargers. He also stated that Ross keeps a black metal box in his house which is kept locked with three padlocks on each hasp and that this box is approximately three feet by two feet in size. He stated Ross is very protective of the box and would not let him, Bonnell, touch or move the box.

Investigation revealed that Michael Ross is presently residing at 1519 26th Street, #B, Santa Monica, telephone 828-0029, and is employed as an Employment Counselor at Apple One Employment Agency, 2534 Lincoln Blvd., Marina Del Rey. It was further learned that Michael Ross is a Boy Scout Leader in charge of Troop 222 which meets on Monday nights at Franklin School in Santa Monica.

Because of Bonnell's statement that he had taken the slides from a residence in Venice, contact was made with LAPD regarding the possibility of the slides had been made in their jurisdiction. Efforts by both Santa Monica and L. A. P. D. investigators to identify the young boys shown in the slides engaging in the sexual activities proved negative.

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On 4-25-77, L. A. P. D. Investigators Don Wurth and Doug Elder, telephone 485-4113, advised Santa Monica investigators that they had signed crime reports from [REDACTED] age 11 years, presently residing in the Pathway Home for Boys, Lakeview Terrace, and 13 year old [REDACTED], [REDACTED], telephone, [REDACTED], charging Michael Allen Ross with 288 P. C., child molesting.

On 4-26-77 Santa Monica and L. A. P. D. investigators jointly consulted with Deputy District Attorneys Klein and Tim England and a Search Warrant, with L. A. P. D. investigator D. Elder as the Affiant, was issued and signed by Judge Robert Thomas authorizing search of Michael Ross' residence at 1519 26th Street, Apt. B, Santa Monica. At 1430 hours, 4-26-77, officers went to Ross' place of employment, Apple One Employment Agency, 2534 Lincoln Blvd., Marina Del Rey, where Ross was placed under arrest by Santa Monica Officers Warren and Wood. Ross was then transported to his place of residence where L. A. P. D. Officers Elder, Wurth and Lloyd Martin, and Santa Monica Officers Warren and Wood conducted a search of Ross' apartment pursuant to the authority of aforementioned warrant. See Property Report 3.2.2 for list of items seized during the search.

After completion of the search, Ross was then transported to Santa Monica Police Department where he was booked for 288 P.C.

While being transported to Santa Monica to his residence, Ross was advised of his Miranda Rights by Inv. M. Wood in the presence of L. A. P. D. Officer Lloyd Martin. Ross stated he wished to talk to his attorney prior to discussing the case and no questions were asked.

On 4-27-77, 0900 hours, [REDACTED] was brought to headquarters by his mother, [REDACTED], at the request of investigating officers inasmuch as they had had information [REDACTED] was in Mike Ross' Troop 222 which meets at Franklin School in Santa Monica on Monday nights, and the parents had reason to believe [REDACTED] had been molested by Ross.

[REDACTED] years of age, date of birth 1-5-67. He stated to Investigator Wood that he is not old enough to be a full-fledged Boy Scout, that he had gone thru the Cub Scout stage and should at his present age be in the intermediate age group known as Wieble's prior to becoming a regular boy scout at age 12 years. However, since shortly after the first of the year he had been attending the Scout meetings for Troop 222, Scoutmaster Michael Ross, as a "mascot" or as [REDACTED] also referred to it, a "follow-along". He stated that one of his friends, [REDACTED] age 12 years, [REDACTED] #2, Tel.: [REDACTED], who attends Lincoln Jr. High, had told him that

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Mike Ross was looking for a "mascot" for Troop 222. [REDACTED] had gone to a meeting and Mike Ross had agreed to let him be the mascot. [REDACTED] then began to attend the Monday night scout meetings at Franklin School, 2400 Montana, Santa Monica.

[REDACTED] stated that about the fourth meeting he attended, he and Mike Ross sat to the rear of the room during a period during the scout meeting while all the other scouts were engaged in activities which had them facing away from [REDACTED] and Mike Ross. [REDACTED] states that Ross unzipped [REDACTED] pants while [REDACTED] was seated next to him, then placed his hand inside [REDACTED] shorts and proceeded to "rub his dick". He stated Mike would do this for one or two minutes, while telling him how much he was going to like being a Boy Scout. He stated Mike Ross had touched him like that about four or five times, always on Monday nights and at the scout meetings when they were seated to the rear of the room.

On one occasion [REDACTED] stated Mike had told him to go sit with the other boys to the front of the room so he, Mike, could talk to [REDACTED] another scout. (address: [REDACTED] Santa Monica, age 11 years). [REDACTED] said that after he had gotten to the front of the room he looked back and saw Mike with his hand in the area of [REDACTED] buttocks.

[REDACTED] stated that he has not been attending the meetings for about three weeks, and his parents had advised him that they felt he should spend more time studying and doing homework. When he started missing the meetings, Mike had told him that he needed another mascot and [REDACTED] believes that his friend, [REDACTED] 10 years, (4-29-67), [REDACTED] Santa Monica, telephone [REDACTED], has recently been the troop mascot. [REDACTED] is in the 3rd grade, McKinley School.

[REDACTED] stated he had gone on one weekend trip with the Troop 222 while their mascot, however, he could not remember the location where they had gone and he had not observed anything unusual nor had Mike Ross touched him in any way.

After the interview with [REDACTED] was concluded, [REDACTED] related that after [REDACTED] quit attending the Monday night meetings Mike Ross called their home several times inquiring as to why he had not attended and urging the parents to let him come to the next meeting, telling them how much all the scouts missed [REDACTED]

Facts of this case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for consideration of filing of a complaint for 288 P. C., three counts.

[Signature]
Sgt. S. Brackett

Investigators M. Wood - A. Warren
#1369 #1699

DATE OF REPORT 4-29-77		JUVENILE (208 P. C.)		DR. NO. 77-6580	
DATE OF OCCURRENCE 1-77 to 4-1-77		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Franklin School, 2400 Montana		DATE OF WRIT	
NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS) [REDACTED]		RES. ADDRESS (BUS. ADD. IF FIRM) [REDACTED]		TO RES. PHONE X	
PERSON REPORTING INFORMATION TO POLICE DEPT. Investigators Warren and Wood Santa Monica Police Dept.		RESIDENCE ADDRESS [REDACTED]		TO RES. PHONE X	
SUSPECTS ROSS, Michael Allen -- Bkg. #1351 F.B.I. #301 030 E					
Aliases: *Alan David Peter BAGGATI Alan GROSSTAN Alan Grossmann BOGGATI					
Alan BAGGATION Alan BOGGATION Allan NME BAGGATION					
On 4-29-77 F.B.I. Record Identification Sheet was received. Fingerprint Classification Card had been rushed to F.B.I. records after Michael Allen Ross was arrested, and their search revealed above listed aliases for Ross and show an arrest record from 2-22-60 thru 5-1-71 for nine offenses relating to child molest, including sodomy. A copy of F. B. I. Record Sheet will be attached to Record Bureau copy of this report.					
On 5-2-77 information was received from Det. Sgt. Madina, 5th Precinct, Homicide Division, New York Police Department, telephone 212-678-1361, that their department holds three outstanding felony warrants: (1) R-72-400878, (2) R-72-400878, and (3) C 71-053568, for Child Molesting, for the name Allan NME BAGGATION, Y.P.D. #B 524906, F.B.I. 301 030 E. (This F.B.I. number being that confirmed F.B.I. as being for Michael Allen Ross). It is unknown at this time if New York will extradite in this case.					
ADDITIONAL LOSS \$					
CHANGE IN STATUS, IF REPORT IS RECLASSIFIED, CHANGE IN AMOUNT OF LOSS, TYPE OF CLEARANCE IF ANY.					
SUPERVISOR APPROVING Lt. M. McClary		OFFICER REPORTING Investigator Martha Wood		PERSON REPORTING INFORMATION	

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