

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE July 15, 1986

FULL NAME Alan Richard Morris SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Cape Coral STATE FL ZIP CODE 33904

DATE OF BIRTH July, 1951 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 35 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Lawn maintenance

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 165 HEIGHT 5'11" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Light Brown COLOR OF EYES Blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED OR SINGLE married CHILDREN 4 - (11 yrs + under)  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
PACK 4	Cape Coral	FL	WL	9/85	1/86
TROOP 86	" "	"	SA	1/86	(8/86)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Sexually Child Abuse

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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JOSEPH M. ANGLIM  
*(over)*

Signed Reginald L. Knight  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Southwest Florida #88

Regarding Alan Morris -

Upon 1<sup>st</sup> notification of suspect, we suspended him from BSA per procedure. He quickly moved out of town + disappeared for 2-3 months. We aided authorities + hosted a parents meeting on 2 occasions. The Minister of the Church that Charters T86 was informed by me personally. A warrant for arrest was made + a month later was arrested in Bath, Maine. His trial is Dec. 1, 1986. Wife + 5 boys probably are still in Maine. Her name is [REDACTED] Birth date [REDACTED] She should be also placed on a questionable list. *Eggie Knight*

March 26, 1967

Mr. Reginald L. Knight  
Scout Executive  
Southwest Florida Council, No. 88

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Alan Richard Morris

Dear Reggie:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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# Troop leader sentenced for lewd assault on 4 Scouts

By DENESHUSTY  
News-Press Staff Writer

**FORT MYERS** — A former Cape Coral Boy Scout leader, who pleaded no contest to charges of lewd assault on four boys in his troop, Wednesday was sentenced to seven years in prison to be followed by 15 years' probation.

Parents of three of the four boys involved said the punishment wasn't harsh enough for Alan R. Morris, 35, formerly of 1618 Viscaya Parkway, Cape Coral. The parents of the other boy said they trusted the handling of the case by the state attorney's office.

One parent wrote prosecutors that Morris "must be very sick" (and) deserves more damage because of the amount of damage he has done."

The parents have said they are dissatisfied that state law didn't allow for greater punishment for Morris.

Last month, Morris was allowed to plead no contest to the charges on the condition that he be given the sentence he received Wednesday.

Assistant State Attorney Mark Ahlbrand said he accepted the plea arrangement be-

cause the victims were embarrassed and reluctant to testify.

"I felt I did the boys a service. The defendant got what the law was going to allow," Ahlbrand said.

The names of the victims and their families are being withheld by the News-Press because of the nature of the case. The victims

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ranged in age from 12 to 15 when the crimes took place.

According to court records:

Morris was an assistant leader of a Cape Coral Boy Scout troop.

On several occasions between July 1985 and March 1986, Morris invited one or more of the Scouts over to his house. Morris showed the boys pornographic movies and engaged in sexual acts with them.

After the sessions, Morris would often tell the boys, "Don't tell anyone what I did or my wife will divorce me."

The boys told a fellow Scout what

was going on and the Scouting administration was notified. Boy Scout officials contacted police.

However, Morris, who ran a lawn-care service, fled before police found him.

In August, authorities in Bath, Maine, arrested Morris on a Florida warrant charging him with 11 counts of lewd assault and he was brought back to Lee County for prosecution.

Besides sentencing Morris to prison and probation, Lee Circuit Judge R. Wallace Pack said Morris will have to undergo psychiatric counseling and counseling for alcohol abuse.

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## Scout leader gets 7 years for sexual abuse of boys

By DENES HUSTY  
News-Press Staff Writer

The mother of a Boy Scout who was sexually abused by his former Cape Coral troop's assistant leader said that if she had her way, the man would spend the rest of his life behind bars.

"This is not just an isolated case. It's not just one mistake. It was cold and calculated and pretty well-planned. He put a lot of fear in my child's life," the woman said.

However, Alan R. Morris, 35, formerly of 1618 Viscaya Parkway, Cape Coral, will not serve life in prison.

State guidelines recommended that he serve seven to

nine years in prison.

Instead of going to trial, Morris pleaded no contest Thursday to lewd assault on four boys on the condition that he be sentenced to seven years in prison to be followed by 15 years probation.

Mark Ahlbrand, assistant state attorney, said he decided to accept Morris' plea to save the victims the embarrassment of testifying in court. Morris will continue to be held in the Lee County Jail without bond until he is sentenced Jan. 7, Lee Circuit Judge R. Wallace Pack said.

Pack also found Morris guilty of the charges, which means that the crimes will go on his record.

The names of the victims and their families are being

withheld by the News-Press because of the nature of the case. The victims ranged in age from 12 to 15 when the crimes took place.

The mother, who said she believes Morris should serve life in prison, said she understands that the state did the best it could.

"That's what he (Morris) was going to get whether we went to court or not," she said. Because of that, she said her son should be saved the embarrassment of testifying in court.

"At least I can tell my son that this man is not going to be on the streets for a while," she said.

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### Abuse

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However, she said she thinks state law is deficient and there should be harsher penalties for sex offenders. The woman said she intends to write to lawmakers to let them know how she feels.

The woman said her son is no longer in Scouting, but he did not drop out because of what happened to him. She said her son now has other school-related interests that take up most of his time.

"I hope they (the Boy Scout organization) have learned from what happened," the woman said.

The mother of one of the other victims said her son is still in Scouting in the same troop and she has confidence in the Boy Scout leadership.

As for Morris being allowed to plead no contest to his charges in exchange for a seven-year prison sentence, the woman would only say that Ahlbrand "has made the right decision."

The father of another victim would not comment on the criminal aspect of the case. He said his son is still in the same Boy Scout troop. The father said he, too, has confidence in the Scouts' leadership.



DENES HUSTY/News-Press

Alan R. Morris, a Boy Scout troop's former assistant leader, talks Thursday to his attorney, Assistant Public Defender Kenneth Garber, about Morris' no-contest plea to charges of lewd assault on four Scouts.

The family of the fourth victim could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

According to court records:

Morris, an assistant leader of a Cape Coral troop, invited one or more of the Scouts over to his house on several occasions between July 1985 and March 1986. Morris showed the boys pornographic

movies and engaged in sexual acts with them.

After the sessions, Morris would often tell the boys, "Don't tell anyone what I did or my wife will divorce me."

The boys told a fellow Scout what was going on and the Scouting administration was notified. Boy Scout officials contacted police.

October 27, 1986

Mr. Reginald L. Knight  
Scout Executive  
Southwest Florida Council, No. 98

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Alan Richard Morris

Dear Reggie:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet and the article which you have sent us concerning the above-named individual. These are most helpful to us and will certainly begin to build a file which will lead to refusal of registration attempts should any occur anywhere in the country.

Please keep us informed as this comes to trial and give us the outcome of any legal proceedings so that we may have this for our files. It is most important that we have the legal outcome of any trials or other court action.

If you have any copies of the statements which were made by the youth or any other information from the chartered organization, this also would be most helpful. Thanks again for your interest and care in protecting the youth of America. We shall look forward to hearing from you when the trial takes place.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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JIMMY MEYER

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## Former Boy Scout leader faces four counts of lewd assault

BY LINDA WIZNER

**F**ormer assistant Cape Coral Boy Scout leader Alan Richard Morris was formally charged with four counts of lewd assault Monday morning and has been ordered to stand trial Dec. 1.

According to Assistant State Attorney Mark Ahlbrand, who is prosecuting the case, Morris is being charged with lewd assault involving sexual activity with four juvenile males. The state attorney's office issued a warrant for Morris' arrest in early August on two charges of lewd assault and one count of sexual battery.

Morris was arrested in Bath, Maine, on Aug. 18 and returned to Lee County where he has been held since Aug. 28. He is being held without bond at the Lee County Jail.

According to court documents, Morris, 35, formerly of 1618 Viscaya Parkway, Cape Coral, has been charged with lewd assault on the four boys. All of the boys were members of Morris' scout troop and had spent the night in Morris' custody on various occasions. The assaults took place between November 1985 and July 1986.

The victims, who are not being identified due to the nature of the crime, have all given sworn statements testifying to the activities they were engaged in while in Morris' care. According to the documents, Morris told the boys, "Don't tell anyone what I did because my wife will divorce me."

Morris had been declared indigent and a public defender was appointed to represent him. The public defender's office has a no comment policy on all pending cases. □

September 15, 1986

Mr. Reginald L. Knight  
Scout Executive  
Southwest Florida Council, No. 06

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Alan A. Morris

Dear Reggie:

Earlier this summer, there was some communication with the national office concerning the above-named individual. It was indicated that he had been accused of sexual abuse with boys in the troop.

We would like more information concerning this matter. Please complete the enclosed Confidential Record Sheet so that we may identify Mr. Morris should he try to register in some other location.

We would also like to have copies of any legal records or newspaper clippings which would give us complete information on what has happened related to this situation.

Thank you for your help in completing our files. This will help to protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

*Call to A-EM 11/11/86  
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Shirley Meyer*

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SHIRLEY MEYER



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PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: FORT MYERS, FL.

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SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

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SA 80086

CAPE CORAL, FL

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ON JUNE 23, 1986

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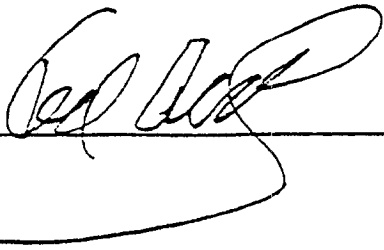
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# NEWS ALERT

Date: June 27, 1986

Signed: 

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Ext: 2010

Source: Reginald L. Knight, SE

Telephone: 

Address: Southwest Florida Council  
1815 Boy Scout Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

## The facts:

Reginald Knight called to advise that Assistant Scoutmaster Alan R. Morris, Troop 86, Cape Coral, sponsored by the First Baptist Church has been accused of sexual child abuse of 7 Scouts. These occurrences seem to have happened on camping trips or in his home. The county attorney's office and sheriff's office are involved in the investigation along with the Health Rehabilitation Services of Fort Myers in interviewing the Scouts.

Mr. Morris presently is at large with his wife and 5 children. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

## ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ted Accas advised Mr. Knight to prepare the appropriate statement for the media as well as to communicate with the head of the sponsoring institution before the incidents become public.

Ted Accas also released the above information to Hoyt Hunt, Regional Director, Southeast Region. Mr. Knight was advised to follow procedures outlined in the Standards of Leadership Guide.

Paul Ernst has been alerted.

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# NEWS ALERT

## Personal & Confidential

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