

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE January 14, 1985

FULL NAME Arnold Edward Codispoti SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY Cedar Grove STATE New Jersey ZIP CODE 07009

DATE OF BIRTH April 1941 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 43 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY Scotch-Italian

OCCUPATION Essex County Police Sergeant

EDUCATION High School Plus

WEIGHT 160 HEIGHT 5'11" RACE white

COLOR OF HAIR dark brown COLOR OF EYES brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Camping

MARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN -0-
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE n/a

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T65	Cedar Grove	New Jersey	Scoutmaster	With unit until	November 1985
E654	Newark	New Jersey	Advisor		
Exec. Bd.	Newark	New Jersey	Essex Council		
SPECIAL RECOGNITION				Silver Beaver	

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Arrested for sexual child abuse of members of the Scout Troop--multiple charges.

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):

Newspaper clippings on file.

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Charles J. Ball
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Essex #536

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September 4, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arnold Edward Codispoti

Dear Charlie:

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: Northeast Region

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MORGAN, MELHUISE, MONAGHAN, ARVIDSON, ABRUTYN & LISOWSKI

(JACOB SCHNEIDER, SCHNEIDER & SCHNEIDER, SCHNEIDER & MORSE, 1910-1969)

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

22 WEST PLAZA - 5TH FLOOR

LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY 07033-6673

(201) 994-2500

August 18, 1986

Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: State Farm v. Codispoti, et al.

Docket No. L-0668714-86

Your File No.

Our File No. 79-838 U RA

We enclose herewith the following:

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Charge to our account.

Send us a copy stamped "Filed" in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

RA:lc

cc: Haskins, Hack, Piro, O'Day, Merklinger & Wallace, Esqs.

cc: CIGNA (Virginia Lloyd)
#995L 946615-X

c: Boy Scouts of America

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F. STARON
AUG 21 1986

Very truly yours,
MORGAN, MELHUISE, MONAGHAN,
ARVIDSON, ABRUTYN & LISOWSKI
Richard E. Arvidson
RICHARD E. ARVIDSON

MORGAN, MELHUISE, MCNAGHAN, ARVIDSON, ABRUTYN & LISOWSKI

WINNISTON, N.C. 07039-1673

ATTORNEYS FOR Defendant, Boy Scouts of America
Our File No. 79-838 U RA

STATE FARM FIRE & CASUALTY : SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
COMPANY, : LAW DIVISION : ESSEX COUNTY
Plaintiff, : DOCKET NO. L-068714-85

vs. :

CIVIL ACTION

ARNOLD E. CODISPOTI, GREGORY : ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY
FLEMMING, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, : JUDGMENT, COUNTERCLAIM AND DESIGNA-
DENNIS KOLANO and JANET KOLANO, : OF TRIAL COUNSEL
individually and ad Guardian Ad :
Litem for JOHN KOLANO, a minor, :
and JOHN DOE, :
Defendants. :

Defendant, Boy Scouts of America, by way of Answer to the
Complaint for Declaratory Judgment filed herein, says:

1. Except to admit the allegations contained in Paragraphs
1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, this defendant denies the balance of the allegations
contained in the Complaint and leaves plaintiff to its proofs.

FIRST SEPARATE DEFENSE

There is a lack of in personam jurisdiction over this party
because there is insufficiency of process and insufficiency of service of
process. The exercise of such jurisdiction over this party is therefore
in violation of this party's rights under the Constitutions of the State
of New Jersey and the United States of America and this party reserves
the right to move for dismissal of the pleading.

SECOND SEPARATE DEFENSE

The affirmative pleading herein fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and this party reserves the right to move at or before the time of trial to dismiss same.

THIRD SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claimant has failed to join a necessary or indispensable party without whom this action cannot proceed.

FOURTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claim is barred by the entire controversy doctrine and the mandatory counterclaim rule.

FIFTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The applicable law, rule, statute or regulation, including, but not limited to the Statute of Limitations, controlling or requiring the institution of suit within a certain period of time following its accrual, was not complied with by the claimant, and accordingly, the claimant's claim is barred as a matter of law.

SIXTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Under the provisions of the policy of insurance, it represents the complete contract and cannot be amended by the action of any person.

SEVENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The relied upon contract is one of adhesion.

EIGHTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claimant is estopped from proceeding with this alleged cause of action.

NINTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claimant is guilty of laches.

TENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Claimant has relinquished voluntarily, and hence has waived, the basis on which he sues.

COUNTERCLAIM

Defendant, Boy Scouts of America by way of Counterclaim against plaintiff, State Farm Fire & Casualty Company, says:

1. Defendant, Boy Scouts of America incorporates the allegations of plaintiff's paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Complaint as paragraph 1 of the Counterclaim.

2. Plaintiff is obligated to defend and insure Arnold E. Codispoti in the Kolano action by the terms and provisions of the policies issued by it.

WHEREFORE, defendant, Boy Scouts of America demands Judgment against plaintiff, State Farm Fire & Casualty Company.

A. Determining that the policies issued by plaintiff provide coverage to Arnold E. Codispoti for all claims and crossclaims in the Kolano action;

B. Directing State Farm Fire & Casualty Company to provide the defense and to indemnify Arnold E. Codispoti in the Kolano action; and

C. Providing such other and further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to R.4:25-4, Richard E. Arvidson is hereby designated Trial Counsel.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R.4:5-1

1. The matter in controversy is the subject of a pending action or arbitration proceeding as follows:

Related action of Kolano v. Codispoti, et al.; Superior Court, Law Division, Essex County, Docket No. L-044233-85.

2. Contemplation of another action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated as follows:

None.

3. The following parties listed should be joined in this action:

County of Essex.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the above statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Richard E. Arvidson

RICHARD E. ARVIDSON

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the within document has been filed with the Clerk of the captioned Court and within County Clerk, if applicable, and that a copy of the same was served upon all interested attorneys within the period of time allowed in accordance with the Rules

of the Court (R. 1:6-4 or 4:6-1 (a) as may be applicable).

MORGAN, MELHUISH, MCNAGHAN, ARVIDSON,
ABRUTYN & LISOWSKI

BY: Richard E. Arvidson
RICHARD E. ARVIDSON

Dated: August 18, 1986
#79-938 U RA
llc



June 23, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL:

Dear Paul:

Enclosed please find the article that appeared on June 20, 1986
in the Star Ledger on the sentencing of Arnold Codispoti.

Please place this article in Mr. Codispoti's confidential file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Charles D. Ball'.

Charles D. Ball
Council Executive

CDB:cw

Enclosure

cc: Harold C. Fieszal
Rudolph Flythe
Roland E. Moore

for assaults

By DONNA LEUSNER

A former police officer and Boy Scout leader yesterday was sentenced to 25 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to sexually abusing eight boys.

Former Sgt. Arnold Codispoti, who spent 19 years with the Essex County Police, was sentenced by Superior Court Judge William Harth in Newark to serve the term in the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel.

Codispoti, who begged the judge to impose a sentence calling for treatment, pleaded guilty in February to 35 charges of sexual assault and endangering the welfare of Boy Scouts aged 11 to 15 over three years ending a month before his arrest in December 1984.

The judge, who ordered Codispoti to pay a \$25 fine for each of the 29 counts he was sentenced for, said the 45-year-old sex offender could remain in the state facility until he is 68.

Essex County Assistant Prosecutor Sara Sencer, who directs the child abuse unit, said Codispoti sometimes gave alcohol to the teenagers to break down their defenses and then sexually abused them either in his Cedar Grove home, the county police academy in Cedar Grove or in Boy Scout camps in Roseland or in Oakland, Bergen County.

Defense lawyer Dennis Durkin said Codispoti's actions were the result of compulsive psychological behavior beyond his control, a diagnosis contained in a report prepared by the staff of the facility for sex offenders who examined him.

"I am a broken man. I am truly and deeply sorry," Codispoti told the judge, adding his record of valor as a uniformed police officer has now been replaced with a "prisoner's cloth of great shame."

A second former Boy Scout leader, Gregory Flemming, 34, of Mine Hill, who pleaded guilty to two counts of sexually assaulting two boys, was sentenced to seven years and was fined \$50.

Flemming's lawyer, Public Defender Richard Raines, said his client suffered from an uncontrollable urge to have sex with youngsters and that the two offenses he was sentenced for yesterday happened before he successfully completed psychiatric treatment and probation for a similar 1982 sex assault charge in Passaic County. Since then, Flemming, who told the court he was sorry, has led a law-abiding life, Raines told the judge.

Codispoti, who joined the county police in 1965 and was promoted to sergeant in 1980, was indicted on 45 charges. He pleaded guilty to 35 and was sentenced on 29 counts, with some charges being merged and others being dismissed.

April 18, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arnold Edward Codispoti

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

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A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

Northeast Region
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

P.O. Box 350
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350
Telephone: (201) 821-6500

February 7, 1986

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ronald E. Moranville
Deputy Chief Scout Executive
S400
National Council, BSA

Dear Ron:

The attached material has been shared with Paul Ernst. However, you may wish to alert the system.

Sincerely,

Rudy
RUDY FLYTHE
Regional Director

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February 5, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

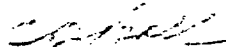
I notified you early in 1985 of a problem that existed with a man named Arnold Codispoti. You should find several pieces of correspondence in your files regarding this matter.

Monday of this week Mr. Codispoti pleaded guilty to 27 counts of sexual abuse. I have enclosed the article that appeared in today's local newspaper.

Please make sure that this man is on our confidential file so that he can never be registered with the Boy Scouts of America again.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Cordially,



Charles D. Ball
Council Executive

CDB:cw

Enclosure

cc: David K. Park
Rudolph Flythe ✓
Roland E. Moore

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sent me
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February 5, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

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Council Executive

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Enclosure

cc: David K. Park
Rudolph Flythe
Roland E. Moore



Cop admits sex abuse of Scouts

By DONNA LEUSNER

A 19-year veteran of the Essex County police force has pleaded guilty to 27 counts of sexually abusing and endangering the welfare of eight teenage Boy Scouts, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Arnold Codispoti, 44, of Oak Drive in Cedar Grove, pleaded guilty before Superior Court Judge William F. Harth in Newark shortly before jury selection was to begin for his trial Monday.

Codispoti sexually abused the boys, who were between the ages of 11 and 15, from August 1981 through November 1984, while he was a Boy Scout leader, according to Essex County Assistant Prosecutor Sara Sencer.

The police veteran pleaded guilty to sexually abusing the juveniles and serving them alcohol in several locations, including his home; Boy Scout camps in Roseland and Oakland, Bergen County; and at the Police Academy in Cedar Grove, where scout meetings were held, according to Sencer, chief of the prosecutor's child abuse unit.

Codispoti, who has been held on \$1 million bail in the Essex County Jail in Newark since his arrest in December 1984, specifically pleaded guilty to nine counts of aggravated criminal sexual contact, eight counts of aggravated sex assault, seven counts of endangering the welfare of children, two counts of sex assault and a one count of attempted sex assault, according to Sencer.

An Essex County grand jury indicted the police veteran last April 30 on 45 charges. His guilty plea before Judge Harth to 27 of those charges was not based on a plea bargain between the prosecutor's office and Codispoti's lawyer, Sencer said.

Codispoti, who is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Harth March 25, joined the Essex County Police force in September 1965 and was promoted to sergeant in October 1980.

Shortly after his arrest, Codispoti was suspended without pay. He is expected to be fired in light of the guilty plea, Thomas Malcolm, a county spokesman, said yesterday.

February 11, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arnold Edward Codispoti

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, and the information concerning Arnold Codispoti. This information is most helpful to us and will enable us to refuse registration should an attempt come to us at a later time.

We believe the information which you have sent will cause our file to be complete. If, however, you can send us the final sentencing this will make certain that we have a complete file should either of us be in our present locations when a registration attempt is made.

Please let us know if we may be of any help from this office.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE
FEB 11 1986
WINE-NETT WILSON

CONF024645

January 15, 1985

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for the information which you have sent us concerning Mr. Edward Codospoti. This information will be very helpful to us as we set up a file for refusal of registration.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like for you to complete. This will give us the information which will be necessary for identification should Mr. Codospoti try to register at a later time.

We would also like for you to keep us informed as this case comes to trial. The final outcome of the trial and if a conviction is secured, the sentencing will be most helpful in strengthening our case.

Please do not hesitate to call us or write to us if you have any questions where we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

Enclosure

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JAN 1 1985
ERIN O'RILEY

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#336 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

January 7, 1985

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription and Statistical Service
National Council, B.S.A.
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are articles from several local newspapers regarding a Scouter registered in Essex Council.

Mr. Codispoti is registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 65, Explorer Advisor of ~~Post 65~~ and a member of the Council Executive Board. The Council will drop him from board membership at its Annual Meeting on January 22, 1985. The unit committees of both units have removed him as unit leader. *Post 654 12/83* [REDACTED]

I feel this man should be placed on the National confidential file so that he never becomes registered with the Boy Scouts of America again. Please send me the necessary forms so we can provide you with whatever information you need to place an individual's name in the file.

Cordially,

Charles D. Ball
Council Executive

CDB:cw

Enclosures 3

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Arnold Edward Codispoti



Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009

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Cop-scoutmaster charged in sexual abuse of boys

By Carey Londner
Of The Herald-News

An Essex County police sergeant who leads a Cedar Grove Boy Scout troop was charged Thursday with sexually abusing five of the scouts.

Essex County Criminal Assignment Judge Sidney Reiss ordered a \$1 million bail for Arnold E. Codispoti, 43, of Oak Drive in Cedar Grove, who was arrested at county police headquarters in Newark Wednesday.

The high bail was granted at the request of Essex County assistant prosecutor Sara Sencer, who told Reiss, "This is just beginning. There are many, many other children involved."

Essex County Prosecutor George Schneider said he expects other charges against Codispoti and that other related

arrests will be made.

Schneider said the Essex County Prosecutor's Office was alerted to the case in an anonymous letter he received. An investigation was conducted in cooperation with the Essex County Police.

The complaints against Codispoti charge him with abusing the five boys — ranging in age from 11 to 16 — over the past two years. He is charged with numerous counts of aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, criminal sexual contact and endangering the welfare of children.

According to the complaints, the assaults involved oral sex and touching of the boys' genitals. Schneider said the incidents occurred while Codispoti was acting as scoutmaster of a troop. He declined to identify the troop. Essex County public informa-

tion director Tom Malcolm said Codispoti, a Vietnam veteran, has been with the county police since 1965 and was promoted to sergeant in October 1980. He said Codispoti had a "good police record" but has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the criminal charges.

Malcolm said Codispoti was also an advisor to the Essex County Government Services Explorers Post 654 for youths 14 and older. He placed second in the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars selections of the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of 1984.

Defense attorney Dennis Durkin said he had no comment on behalf of Codispoti. He said he did not know if his client would be able to make bail.

STARON

JAN 10 1985

Second Scout leader charged with sex abuse in Essex

By DONNA LEUSNER

In Newark-on charges of aggravated sexual assault by contact with a juvenile boy, and was placed on probation for five years. But she said the present charges were for offenses allegedly committed before the prior conviction so Flemming was not in violation of his probation.

On Thursday, a 19-year Essex County police veteran and Boy Scout leader, was ordered held in lieu of \$1 million, bail on charges of sexually abusing five Boy Scouts, Essex County Prosecutor, George Schneider, said. Arnold Codispoli, 33, of Oak Drive, Cedar Grove, was charged in five complaints with various sex crimes against boys ranging in age from 11 to 16. Codispoli has been suspended without pay.

Judge Fleming was shocked. The Pasquoit, Ill., judge said he was "in contact with a juvenile boy, and was placed on probation for five years. But she said the present charges were for offenses allegedly committed before the prior conviction so Flemming was not in violation of his probation."

On Thursday, a 19-year Essex County police veteran and Boy Scout leader, was ordered held in lieu of \$1 million, bail on charges of sexually abusing five Boy Scouts, Essex County Prosecutor, George Schneider, said. Arnold Codispoli, 33, of Oak Drive, Cedar Grove, was charged in five complaints with various sex crimes against boys ranging in age from 11 to 16. Codispoli has been suspended without pay.

Judge Flemming set bail at \$10,000 for the 11-year-old boy, and the 11-year-old boy's father, who was also involved, for \$1,000 cash. Sencer told the County Court judge will report to him before the trial.

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\$1 million bail for cop in sex case

By DONNA LEUSNER

A 19-year Essex County Police veteran and Boy Scout leader was ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bail yesterday on charges of sexually abusing five juvenile boys.

Arnold Codispoti, 43, of Oak Drive, Cedar Grove, was arraigned before Superior Court Judge Sidney Reiss in Newark and ordered held on special watch in the Essex County Jail in Newark.

Essex County Prosecutor George Schneider said members of his child abuse unit arrested the police sergeant shortly before 6 p.m. Wednesday in county police headquarters in Newark.

The prosecutor's office filed five criminal complaints against Codispoti, charging him with various sex crimes against boys ranging in age from 11 to 16.

Schneider said the officer is charged with sexual assaults committed in the course of his Boy Scout duties in the West Essex area.

The indictable offenses, including several counts of endangering the welfare of children and charges of aggravated sexual assault, criminal sexual contact and sexual assault, range in time periods from the summer of 1981 to this month, according to the criminal complaints.

The investigation resulting in the officer's arrest began after Schneider received an anonymous letter that made "certain allegations," the prosecutor said.

Thomas Malcolm, the public information officer for Essex County, said Codispoti has been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the charges.

Malcolm said Codispoti joined the county force in September 1965, was promoted to sergeant in October 1980, was a Vietnam veteran and had "a good police record."

Codispoti was an adviser to the Essex County Government Services Explorer Post No. 654, which is for boys 14 years of age and older, Malcolm said.

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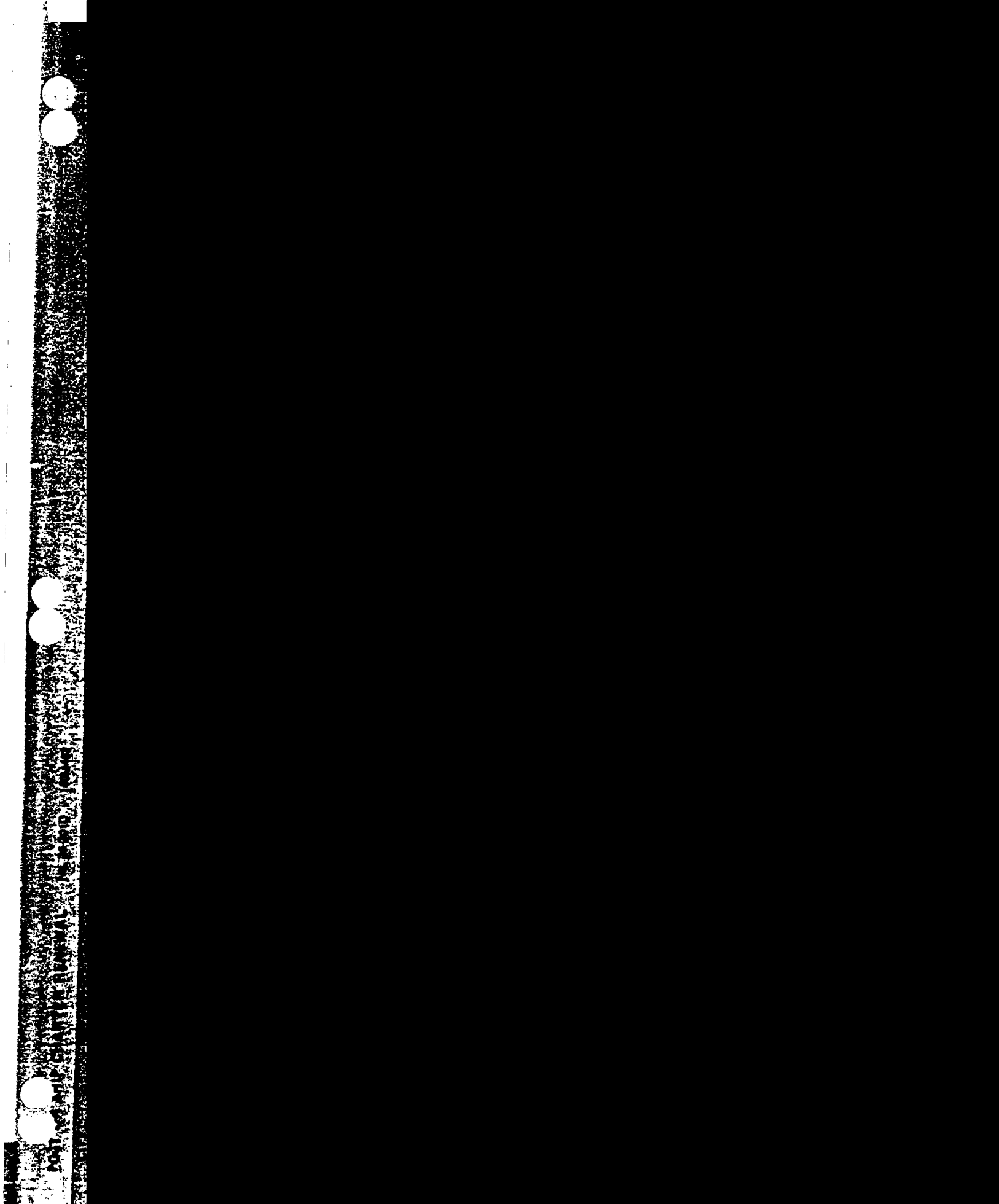
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0759				7	WAYNE E ZATORSKI	CEDAR GROVE	NJ	07009	M	
0641				14	ERUARD COBISPOVI	CEDAR GROVE	NJ	07009	M	
1265				22	ANDREW H BROWN	CEDAR GROVE	NJ	07009	M	
0465				15	CARL CARLSON	CEDAR GROVE	NJ	07009	M	
0459				16	ERIC H CARLSON	CEDAR GROVE	NJ	07009	M	
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0465				18	PAUL K GALLAGHER	CEDAR GROVE	NJ	07009	M	
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