

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date May 19, 1988

Full name Ben J. Roth II
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City Dubuque State Iowa ZIP Code 52001

Date of Birth 02/15/56 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion ? Nationality American

Occupation former policeman

Education 12

Weight 190 Height 5'9 Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests ?

Married or single Married Children [REDACTED]
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections: _____ 02/04/88

Post 81	Dubuque	Iowa	S.C. & M.C.	2/24/82	02/04/88
Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Registration
					Date resigned ^{Suspended}

Special recognition None

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Roth allegedly had sexual relations with a female member of Post 81. The police investigation determined that the Explorer was 18 years old and consented to the relationship. Roth also provided alcoholic beverages to under
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): age member of the post.

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Signed James H. Rankin
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Northeast Iowa Council

July 6, 1988

Steven H. Rankin
Scout Executive
Northeast Iowa Council, No. 178

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Ben J. Roth, II

Dear Steve:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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JUL 7 1988
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NORTHEAST IOWA COUNCIL # 178
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

AREA 4 - NORTH CENTRAL REGION
P. O. Box 732 - Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0732
319/556-4343

May 19, 1988

National Council, B.S.A.
c/o Mr. Paul Ernst/Registration Service
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

As requested, enclosed you'll find the confidential record sheet for Ben Roth II as well as a copy of his signature.

If you need additional information for the Roth file, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Rankin
Scout Executive

Enc.

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ADULT APPLICATION

PACK NO. _____
 TROOP NO. _____
 POST NO. 81 OR
 SHIP NO. _____
 COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION
 DISTRICT NO. 2 FULLY TRAINED

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

NAME BEN J ROTH II
 PRINT FIRST NAME FIRST—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME, INITIAL, AND LAST NAME
 ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

COLLEGE SCOUTER RESERVE—USE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AT COLLEGE.

DATE OF BIRTH 02 15 56 POSITION CC
 MO. DAY YR. UNIT CODE

BOYS' LIFE CHECK ONE
 NEW LEADER FORMER LEADER

CITY DUBUQUE STATE IA ZIP CODE 52001 SEX M

HOME PHONE 02-24-52 DATE PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND COUNCIL

SIGNATURE—SEE COVER
Ben J Roth II

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS UNIT EXPIRATION DATE
 REGISTRATION FEE \$ BOYS' LIFE FEE TERM (MONTHS) MONTH YEAR

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

APPROVAL—SEE COVER
 FOR COUNCIL USE

May 11, 1988

Mr. Steven H. Rankin
Scout Executive
Northeast Iowa Council, No. 178

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Ben Roth, II

Dear Steve:

We really appreciate all the information you continue to send us related to this individual. This will be most helpful to us as we establish a file and refuse registration in the future.

I hope you now have most of the information that you need for the Confidential Record sheet, since this would give us the information we need to identify Mr. Roth should he attempt registration in some other location. We would also like a copy of some paper with his signature, if you have that available, since this also aids in the identification process.

If we may be of any help to you in finishing up this file to a completion stage, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks again for your help in providing all the information.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE
MAY 12 1988
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF028101



SCOUTING/USA

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NORTHEAST IOWA COUNCIL NO. 178
P. O. Box 732 - Key West
Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0732

Dear Paul -

Enclosed is an addition
to my chronological narrative
pertaining to the Ben Roth II
situation.

I will send the
confidential record sheet
on Roth once I receive it
back from Chief Mauss.

Thanks

L. Rankin
Unit Executive

Expressing dissatisfaction with this decision Roth also told a few female members of the post including [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] arrest for shop lifting. [REDACTED] shared this information with other post members causing [REDACTED] to approach Holz to express her displeasure. Shortly after this, [REDACTED] quit the post.

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Monday, April 5 at 10:30 A.M. - - -

Since I didn't hear from Chief Mauss regarding the investigation of Ben Roth, I decided to call him. Chief Mauss informed me that Roth resigned from the police department and that the resignation was forced because he did not tell the truth during the investigation. According to Mauss,

the resignation had nothing to do with Roth's relationship with [REDACTED] since the investigation determined that she was 18 years old and consenting. [REDACTED] informed me that the investigation revealed that Roth shared confidential information about a post member ([REDACTED]) caught shop lifting with other members of the post. Also that he provided champagne on an occasion in his home to members of the post. With reference to the latter incident, Chief Mauss said the County Attorney decided against bringing charges against Roth.

I requested that Chief Mauss provide me a completed Confidential Record Sheet on Ben Roth so that I can forward it to the National Council.



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Thanks,

Steve Rankin

New York

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with any relevant information turned up through their investigation of the matter.

* Correction on page one --- Eric Schneider was made aware of the Roth situation on Wednesday, Feb 2nd by his [redacted] [redacted], not on Sunday, January 31st as originally indicated on page one of this narrative

Tuesday, Feb 16 at 12:00 Noon - - - - -

Eric Schneider, Advisor for Post 81 stopped by the office to provide me additional information regarding the current situation. He informed that Don Roth on occasion would visit [redacted] [redacted], a [redacted] [redacted], at her home when her parents were away. According to Schneider, [redacted] dad caught Roth alone with [redacted] at the [redacted] residence and threatened to call Roth's superiors if it ever happened again.

According to Schneider, [redacted] was recently picked up for shop lifting. The investigating officer recommended that [redacted] be allowed to remain a post member. When [redacted] was not dismissed from the post, Don Roth took the matter to the Board of Directors of the [redacted] Police Protective Association

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 178

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: Steve Renkin

POSITION: S.E

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

Re: Confidential matter

Please call after 9 A.M in Mon

EXP LDR. HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH FEMALE EYL (MAY HAVE BEEN 18)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

E 2081 ID# 005350 B/g-2/56⁸⁷

DUBOQUE POLICE

POLICE INVESTIGATING NOOL - CANCEL

SENDING INFO

Print

NAME

DATE

TIME

R/S-433

3/13/86-CT-567

Called to office 3/13/86
Not deleted
from [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]



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February 8, 1988

National Council, B.S.A.
c/o Mr. Paul Ernst/Registration Service
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038-3096

Dear Paul,

Enclosed you will find the following documentation regarding Ben Roth II registration suspension:

- Chronological Narrative as of Feb. 8th
- Suspension letter to Ben Roth II

I will send the confidential record sheet as soon as I'm able to get some of the information requested on it.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Rankin
Scout Executive

Enc.

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February 4, 1988

Ben Roth II

[REDACTED]
Dubuque, IA 52001

Dear Mr. Roth:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Scoppelhoor
Council President

Enc.

CONF028110

Prepared by Steve Rankin, Unit Executive

Thursday, February 3rd at 9:00 A.M. - - - -

Eric Schneider, Explorer Advisor for Post 31 chartered to the Dubuque Policemen's Protective Association requested a private conference with me pertaining to a problem within the post. He informed me that he recently was made aware that Ben Roth II, Scouting coordinator for the post had sexual relations approximately five years ago with [REDACTED] a former Female member of the post. He informed me that Roth is a Dubuque police officer and that he (Schneider) is concerned that Roth may be having sexual relations with current members of the post. Schneider said he was made aware of the situation on Sunday, January 31st by his daughter [REDACTED], a current member of the post. Eric Schneider said he talked with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is a post committee member. The conversation confirmed the fact that sexual relations had taken place between Roth and [REDACTED] but that the [REDACTED] put a stop to it when she became aware of the situation. Eric informed me that he would be reporting the situation to the chief of police, John Messer and that the Department of Human Services would be investigating the situation.

Thursday, February 3rd at 10:30 AM - - - -
Contacted Bob Mills, Area Director to make him aware of the situation. Bob reviewed with me the steps to follow.

Thursday, February 3rd at 11:15 AM - - - -
Informed Mike Loye, Council Attorney, of the situation. Mike recommended following standard Boy Scout procedures and to cooperate with the police department if they contact me.

Thursday, February 3rd at 12:45 PM - - - -
Received a call from Albuquerque Chief of Police, John Mauss. He wanted to know if I would be communicating with Roth and if so, that I wait until 11:00 a.m. to question him. I informed Mauss that the letter for suspending Roth's membership would not be delivered until after 5:00 A.M.

Thursday, February 3rd at 3:45 PM. - - - -
Met with Council President, Wayne Stoppelmoor to inform him of the situation and to plan arrangements for delivering the letter of registration suspension to Ben Roth.

Thursday, February 3rd at 5:05 P.M. - - - -

Called Roth's home and was informed by his wife that he was in a private session with the chief of police.

Thursday, February 3rd at 5:10 P.M. - - - -

Called the police department and arranged to have the letter of suspended registration delivered to Roth at the police station. At 5:15 P.M. called Council President, Wayne Stoppelmoor, to arrange for him to meet me at the police station in 15 minutes. At approximately 5:35 P.M., Stoppelmoor and I delivered the letter to Roth.

Monday, February 8 at 10:00 A.M. - - - -

Received a call from John Mauss, Chief of Police requesting Post 31 membership records for as far back as 1982. He also requested any material we provide Explorer leaders pertaining to standards of moral and ethical behavior with Explorers.

Monday, February 8 at 2:00 P.M. - - - -

I delivered requested materials to Mauss at the police department. He informed me that Roth was suspended from active police duty with pay until their internal investigation is complete. Mauss agreed to provide me

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