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Council No. 087 Date May 11, 1988

Full name Charles D. [REDACTED] Johnston
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number _____

Address [REDACTED]

City St. Augustine State Florida ZIP Code 32084

Date of Birth December 26, 1965 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 23 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion _____ Nationality American

Occupation House Parent

Education High School

Weight 145 Height 5'8" Race W

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single S Children None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name None

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Mr. Paul Ernst
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July 18, 1989

Dear Paul:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the newspaper article related to a previous file you received from North Florida Council (number 87) regarding a "Charles D. Johnston." You will probably want to add this article to your files, to keep your information complete regarding this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Steven K. Moore
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Sexually assaulted D&B student sues

By James Salzer

Staff writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — A student who was sexually assaulted at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and his mother have filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the school and a former dorm parent who is serving a life sentence in prison for molesting deaf boys.

The student and his mother, who are unnamed in the lawsuit, said the boy suffered physical and psychological damage from the attacks at the school and at the dorm parent's home.

The lawsuit names as defendants the school and Charles D. Johnston, who was convicted in February of sexual battery — performing oral sex on a 10-year-old boy — and three counts of attempted lewd and lascivious assault on a child against the battery victim and two other boys.

The lawsuit asks for in excess of \$1 million in punitive damages and in excess of \$5,000 in compensatory damages.

Johnston, whose conviction is on

appeal, still faces 19 sex charges involving 16 boys at the school from his more than two years as a dorm parent.

Neither the family's attorney, James Johnstone of Fort Pierce, nor school officials would comment on the lawsuit, which was filed last week in St. Johns County.

School spokeswoman Mary Jane Dillon said the school has not been notified of the lawsuit. She said it will be referred to the Florida Department of Insurance Risk Management.

The lawsuit says Johnston regularly abused the boy from February 1987 until his arrest in April 1988.

"As a result of Charles Johnston's behavior and his family history, the school had a responsibility to probe further into the psychological make-up of Charles Johnston and were on notice to investigate and did not do so," the lawsuit says.

Johnston's father, Charles F. Johnston, was arrested in May 1987 and charged with two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and four counts of serving alcoholic beverages to underage

persons. He served a year of probation after pleading guilty to two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The lawsuit blames the school for hiring the younger Johnston and says it failed to recognize what was going on. It says the school knew or had reason to suspect that he was abusing the children, a claim school officials have denied.

It also says dorm parents Karen Williams and Rick Roberts and an unnamed other employee knew of the assaults.

The string of accusations against Johnston came after Ms. Williams saw two deaf boys signing that they would no longer let the dorm parent "touch" them. Ms. Williams testified at Johnston's trial that she informed her superiors as soon as she saw what the boys were signing.

After six school employees were charged with student-related crimes in less than two years, and a multi-handicapped student died in a scalding accident, the Legislature gave the school the authority to conduct thorough background checks of its employees.

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Staff writer

A state environmental agency has denied a request from a Cape Canaveral company to operate a proposed seafood processing plant in Jacksonville because it would violate water quality standards, officials said yesterday.

The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation's decision could put an end to Lambert Seafood Co.'s quest to operate the facility on the eastern bank of the Intracoastal Waterway off Atlantic Boulevard.

The DER was asked by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to review a proposed permit for the plant, which would process mostly scallops. The DER denied certification of the permit.

In light of the DER's decision, the EPA now is attempting to decide whether the permit should be issued, said Tammy Bradley, an EPA scientist in the agency's Atlanta office.

(See DER, Page A-15)

Ex-dorm supervisor given life sentence

By James Salzer

Staff writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — A former Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind dorm supervisor convicted of molesting and sexually assaulting three deaf boys in his care was sentenced to life in prison yesterday.

Charles Johnston, 23, appeared calm as he was sentenced by Circuit Judge Richard Weinberg for the sex crimes that prosecutors said he committed in 1987 and 1988 at the school. Under the sentence, Johnston will serve a minimum of 25 years in prison.

Johnston was convicted last month of capital sexual battery — performing oral sex on a 10-year-old boy — and three counts of attempted lewd and lascivious assault on a child against the battery victim and two other boys. A jury had acquitted Johnston on two charges of sexual battery and two counts of lewd and lascivious assault.

Assistant Public Defender Brent Woolbright said he will appeal the conviction. Weinberg denied Woolbright's motion for a new trial in the case.

School records show Johnston did not work April 15, 1988, the day he was accused by the State Attorney's Office to have committed the sexual battery that led to his conviction. Johnston denied the charges.

Deputy State Attorney Tom Cushman said a decision has not been made on whether his office will try Johnston on other sex charges. Johnston still faces 19 sex charges involving 16 boys at the school during his more than two years as a dorm parent.

CHARLES JOHNSTON

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Crime behind S&L

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White-collar crimes, not poor economic conditions or deregulation, are the root cause of the savings and loan crisis, congressional auditors said yesterday.

The General Accounting Office told the House Judiciary Committee's criminal justice subcommittee that it had examined 26 insolvent thrift institutions in eight states and found evidence of fraud or abusive insider dealing in each.

While the survey was skewed to S&Ls with the worst problems — the 26 represented 60 percent of total losses sustained by the government's insurance fund from 1985 through 1987 — the pattern of fraud and

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Mr. Frank W. Rains
Scout Executive
North Florida Council, No. 37

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: CHARLES D. JOHNSTON

Dear Frank:

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: Southeast Region

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February 21, 1989

SUBJECT: Charles Johnston

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing copies of newspaper articles dated January 31 and February 15, 1989, that will give you an update on the process of the trial for Charles Johnston.

Charles Johnston has been found guilty of capitol molestation of a minor. For this offense the judge has no discretion for sentencing and he will be sentenced to life in prison with a 25 year minimum mandatory prison term.

This case is up for appeal and of course we don't know what that process will produce.

In a conversation with Mr. James Tinlin who is the prosecutor in St. Johns County, Johnston may be tried on an additional 19 counts.

It is certainly my opinion that this person should be permanently placed in our registration files as one who is unacceptable to function as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely yours,

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

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ST. JOHNS/CLAY

St. Augustine school supervisor testifies in sex-abuse trial

By Dave Saelens

Staff writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — A staff supervisor at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind testified yesterday she saw two deaf boys tell each other in sign language last year that they weren't going to let a dorm supervisor named Chuck Johnson touch their bodies any more.

Karen Williams, who supervised dorm parents at the deaf elementary school campus last year, was one of six state witnesses during the first day of testimony in the 23-year-old former supervisor's arrest

on eight charges of sexual battery and lewd and lascivious assault on three deaf boys at the school.

Ms. Williams told a three-man, three-woman jury that Johnson disciplined two particular male students "more than other students" by sending them to bed early, sometimes following them to their room without returning for "sometimes an hour to an hour and a half."

Ms. Williams testified that she notified her supervisors when she saw the two boys talking in sign language about Johnson. Johnson was fired from the school in April 1988 the day authorities arrested him

on eight charges of sexual molestation. A grand jury in June added 19 more counts of sexual abuse involving deaf boys at the school.

Former Jacksonville Child Protection Team worker Marcie Morris testified that the three boys told her in separate interviews that Johnson hugged, kissed, fondled and attempted to perform oral sex on them at various times from September 1987 to April 1988.

Ms. Morris testified that the boys told her of incidents where they woke to find Johnson sitting on their beds and fondling them.

Johnston warned one of the boys not to tell anyone of the incidents, Ms. Morris said.

Assistant Principal Daniel Huzo described Johnston, who was hired in 1988, as "well-liked and highly respected by students and staff."

Huzo testified that Johnston had been hired as a dorm supervisor in the high school-age dorm and requested to be transferred to the elementary school dorm at the beginning of the 1986-87 school year.

At the end of that school year, Johnston asked for a security guard position to remain employed at the school throughout this afternoon.

the summer, Huzo said. Johnston was transferred back to the elementary dorm January 1988.

Judge Richard Weinberg cleared a courtroom late in the day to hear testimony from one of the students allegedly year-old deaf boy was too frightened to answer questions.

Public Defender Assistant Huzo testified that Johnston had been not allowed to testify because he could not explain the difference between truth and a lie.

Assistant State Attorney Chuck Tink said he expects jurors to have the case decided by this afternoon.

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The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Friday, January 31, 1989 *** B-5

ST. JOHNS/CLAY

'Touched' by dorm supervisor about 50 times, deaf boy says

By James Salzer

Staff writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — An 11-year-old deaf boy testified yesterday that he was "touched" by a Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind dorm supervisor about 50 times, and he told another staffer, but nothing was done about the problem.

Known dorm supervisor Dick Roberts, acknowledged the boy told him last spring that Charles Johnston was "bothering him" and that "it isn't fair."

But Roberts said the boy didn't elaborate and that students complain that a supervisor or something they do "isn't fair" 10 or 12 times a day at the school, so no report was made of the incident.

Two deaf boys, one 11 and another 13, testified yesterday in the second day of the trial at Jacksonville, 25, a former dorm supervisor.

Johnson was arrested in April on eight charges of sexual battery and lewd and lascivious assault on three deaf boys at the school.

A grand jury in June added 19 more counts of sexual abuse involving deaf boys at the school.

The 13-year-old testified through an interpreter that he was told by Johnston not to say anything about the incidents after being "nudged" by the supervisor. He said Johnston would come into the bedroom at night after a woman who checks the dorms and left.

He said one night in 1987, Johnston fondled him and two other boys sleeping in the room.

The 11-year-old, who testified for about 10 minutes, said he was "touched" several times and "laid" in the day but his head down on the mattress stand during breaks.

He said he told Roberts about his problem with Johnston after the defendant "touched" him in the showers.

But during cross-examination, Assistant Public Defender Brent Woolbright pointed out conflicting testimony.

For instance, Woolbright read a deposition in which the 11-year-old said he touched 15 times and Johnston have oral sex with him 10 times.

The 11-year-old testified Johnston "touched" him 30 times and tried to have oral sex with him 20 or 30 times.

"Every time we do something it gets more and more muddy," Woolbright said during cross-examination.

The trial continues today with the testimony of another 11-year-old student.

Public opposition sinks Clay water authority bill

By Stacy Pinkerton

Staff writer

GREEN COVE SPRING — The Clay County Commission succeeded in drawing a large crowd to its first night meeting but failed to gain support from that crowd to create an independent water and sewer authority.

Opposition to the plan surfaced during a public hearing Tuesday night, prompting commissioners to vote 4-1 against it.



meetings, this was the first evening or more research. He said the commission meeting in about five years, Wilson said.

More restraints spoke against, sewer department, or a utilities which would have had the power to acquire, build and operate water and sewer facilities.

The intent of the ordinance was to protect the public from possible contamination of water supply.

Objections arose Tuesday night about the broad powers of the authority, including its ability to conduct special assessments, and to

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December 19, 1988

Subject; Charles D. Johnston

Dear Paul:

I have followed up with the State's Attorney's office in St. Augustine and Mr. Tinlin whose is the prosecutor and have been advised that the pre-trial hearing is set for February 1, 1989 and the trial is scheduled for February 13, 1989.

We will update you at the conclusion of the trial regarding the disposition of this case.

Sincerely yours,

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

cc: Frank Rains

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December 12, 1988

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: CHARLES D JOHNSTON

Dear Steve:

This is a follow up concerning the above named individual. We have received newspaper clippings indicating that he was arrested on charges of sexually molesting boys in the state school where he worked.

We would like to know if any further information has come to your attention, or whether this case has come to trial. We will need the outcome and any sentencing which is imposed.

We would like to close this file, if this case has now been completed. This enables us to refuse registration any where in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region
Frank N. Rains, Scout Executive, Co. #87

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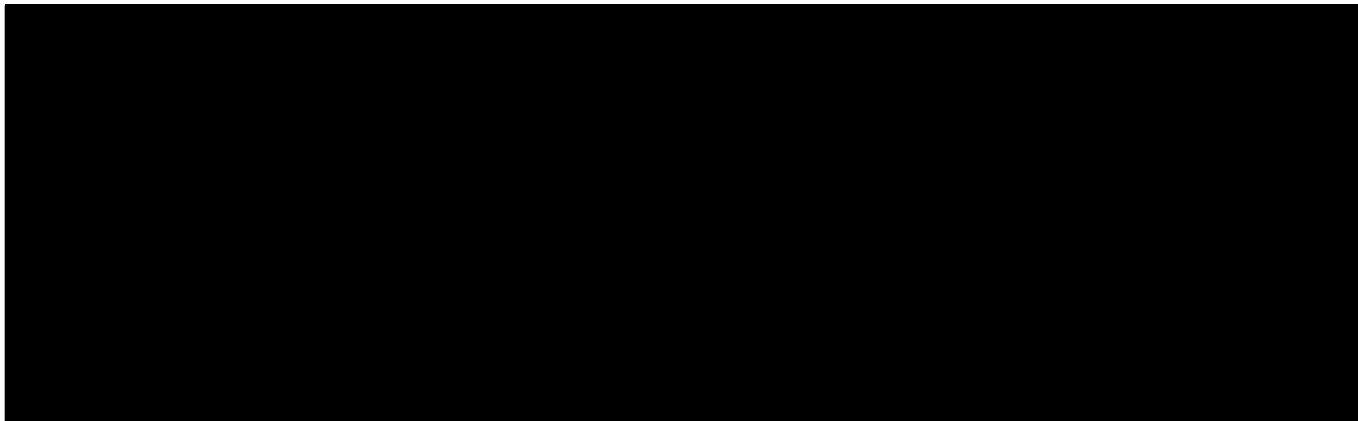
August 4, 1988

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles J. Johnston

Dear Steve:



Sincerely,

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cc: Southeast Region
Frank H. Rains, Scout Executive, Co. #87

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CONF021511

Teacher's sex charges prompt changes at school for deaf, blind

Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE — The state-funded Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, whose alumni include musician Ray Charles, has tightened hiring procedures in the wake of sex charges brought against a former dormitory teacher.

Charles Johnston, 22, was fired in April when he was charged with sexually molesting 17 of the boys he was entrusted to protect.

Johnston, hired in 1985, pleaded innocent and is being held without bail in the St. Johns County Jail pending trial, scheduled to begin in September. His accusers include 19 deaf boys ages 9 to 14 who are students at the school.

Most of the 550 students at the school, founded in 1885, are deaf and live in dormitories on campus.

School administrators are now offering counseling to the students and their families, have tightened hiring procedures and plan to intensify sex education to help students and staff recognize sexual abuse.

As a dormitory teacher, Johnston looked after the boys and taught them how to dress, clean and study. He also supervised them in games.

Johnston is the fifth school employee since 1986 to be arrested and fired on charges involving students at the school.

In separate, unrelated cases, a classroom teacher and three dormitory staffers pleaded no contest

to charges including child abuse, attempted lewd and lascivious assault, and solicitation of sexual activity by someone in a custodial position.

All new Florida teachers, including those at the St. Augustine school, must undergo fingerprint and criminal background checks to be certified. The school now also does such checks on non-teaching personnel.

Principal Kenneth D. Randall said the school has two counselors offering help to students and their families at home this summer, and the counseling will continue into the next school year.

School officials have hired a consultant to improve hiring practices and strengthen the sex education curriculum.

They say there has been no decline in student applications.

Abuse charges 'a shock' Parents, students trusted teacher

The Tampa Tribune, Monday, July 25, 1988

By SUSAN O'REILLY
Tribune Staff Writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — Many people viewed Charles D. Johnston as a warm, caring man, a dormitory teacher at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind who led a Boy Scout troop of deaf students and took them on fishing trips.

The 22-year-old made such an impression that one parent said he should receive special recognition for his devotion. School President Robert T. Dawson singled Johnston out for praise as a role model for the students in an April 8 memo.

"Thanks for your special interest in the students and for your willingness to take on the responsibility associated with Scouting. Your work is appreciated," he wrote.

Eighteen days after that memo was written, Johnston was charged with sexually molesting boys he was entrusted to protect. He was fired that day.

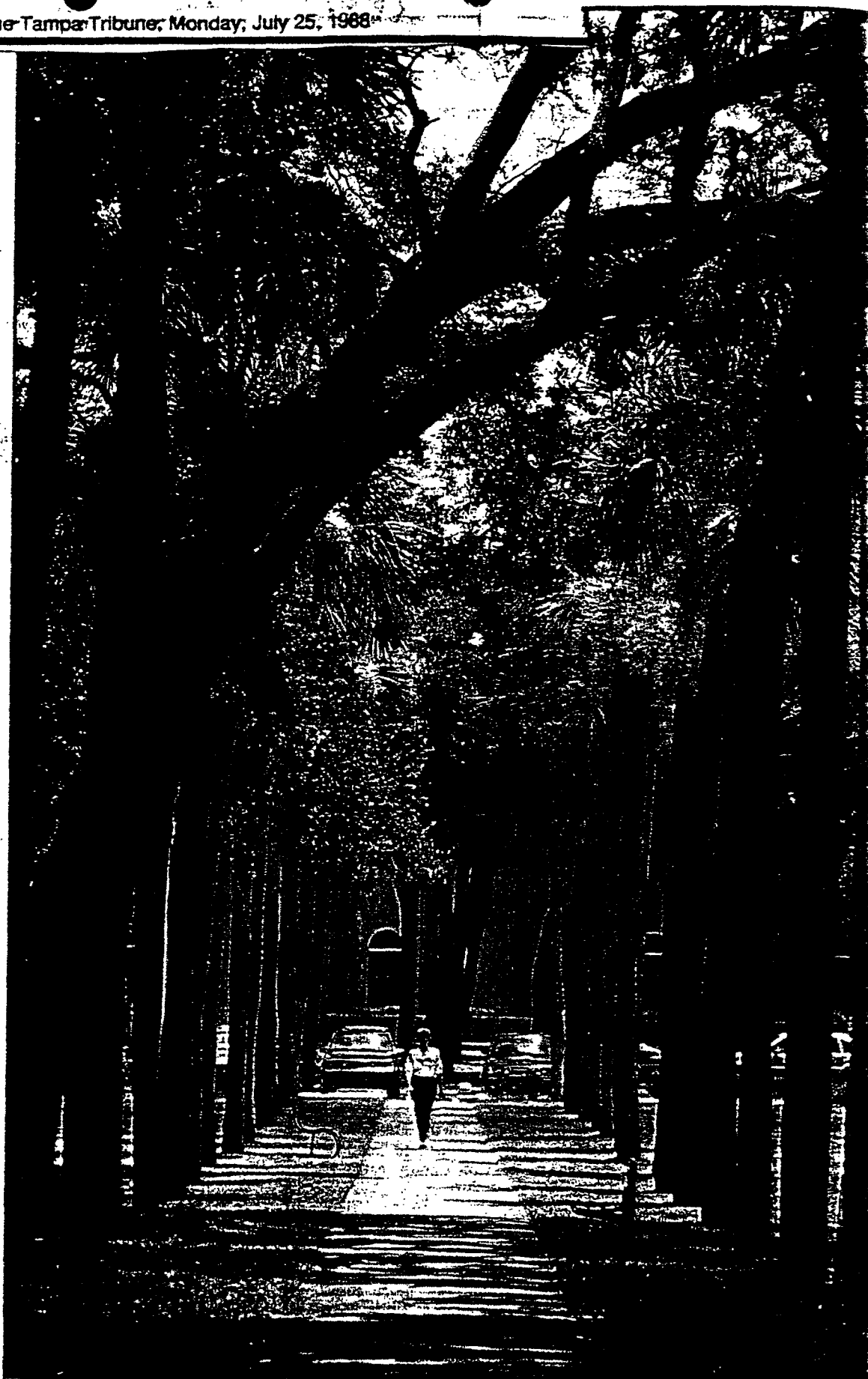
Nineteen deaf boys aged 9 to 14 told authorities Johnston had molested them, triggering a scandal at the St. Augustine school, the only state-supported school for the deaf and the blind in Florida.

Founded in 1885, the school teaches 550 students aged 5 to 21; 430 of them are deaf. Most live in dormitories on campus.

The school offers deaf, blind and multihandicapped Florida students tuition-free education. Musician Ray Charles learned to read music and Braille at the school, and more than 75 percent of the 1988 graduating class went on to college or vocational school.

Horrified by the allegations, the school has moved to offer counseling to the students and their families, has tightened its hiring procedures, and plans to intensify sex education to help students and staff recognize sexual abuse.

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Diane Holland, secretary to the president at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, strolls down a tree-lined walk at the

Tribune photograph by KYLE DANACEA
campus. The school was thrown into turmoil when a dormitory teacher was charged with sexually abusing several deaf students.

School initiates reforms to prevent abuse

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"There has been an enormous shock because the individual alleged to have done this is a person (who) had earned the trust of many kids, parents," said Kenneth D. Randall, principal of the deaf school.

Johnston had worked at the school since September 1985. As a dormitory teacher, he was part baby-sitter and part camp counselor, teaching the boys how to dress, clean and study and supervising them in games.

He is accused in most cases of fondling the boys, and in a few instances of having oral or anal intercourse with them, between February 1987 and April 1988, said court records. Johnston has pleaded not guilty to the charges and is being held without bail in the St. Johns County Jail. His trial is set for Sept. 7.

School officials first learned of the alleged molestation April 24, when a dormitory employee saw two deaf students conversing in sign language about an incident. School officials reported the matter to authorities. Eventually, a grand jury heard testimony from 19 deaf boys and indicted Johnston for molesting 17 of them.

No blind students said they were molested, said officials.

Many of the boys reported that Johnston entered their rooms late at night and fondled them as he pretended to check that they were in their beds by curfew, said school officials and records in Johnston's personnel file.

"To be real honest, we feel like we were used," Randall said. "We feel kind of like the things I've read in terms of rape victims. They feel unclear."

"We were deceived and deceived on a systematic basis by (someone who) used us and used the school and used the kids for his own benefit."

The school reacts

Johnston is the fifth school employee since 1986 to be arrested and fired on charges involving students at the school.

In separate, unrelated cases, one classroom teacher and three dormitory staffers have pleaded no contest to charges including child abuse, attempted lewd and lascivious assault, or solicitation of sexual activity by someone in a custodial position.

One of those was Johnston's father, Charles F. Johnston. Formerly a supervisor who briefly worked in the same dormitory with his son, the father pleaded no contest to child abuse after being accused in May 1987 of letting two students go to his home off campus, where they drank and engaged in sexual activity with two female University of Florida students.

Nevertheless, school officials

say they have done everything in their power to prevent sexual abuse at the school.

All new Florida teachers including those at the St. Augustine school must undergo fingerprint and criminal background checks to be certified. But Charles D. Johnston did not undergo such checks because, despite his title, he was not considered a classroom teacher.

The school did not seek the authority to do checks of new, non-teaching employees who come into contact with children until the start of the 1987-88 school year. It now is performing those checks.

Before 1987, Randall said, school officials did not feel a need for such checks. Incidents before the Johnston case were judged to be isolated cases, he said.

He pointed out that criminal background checks provide no guarantee of an employee's behavior — none of the employees arrested since 1986, including Johnston, had prior arrest records, he said.

The Johnston case is prompting the other changes at the school.

Randall said the school has two counselors roaming the state to offer counseling to students and their families at home this summer, and the counseling will continue into the next school year.

School officials have hired a consultant to improve hiring practices and strengthen the sex education curriculum. They have increased the number of job references required from prospective employees from three to six, and include more questions about contact with children on job applications. They plan to increase employee training in recognizing signs of sexual abuse in students.

Shock hit victims, parents

Many of the students involved are wrestling with guilt, anger and shame over what happened to them, said Keith R. D'Amato, an Orange Park psychologist hired by the school. The older students fear they will become homosexuals, he said.

"They have the 'damaged-goods syndrome,' which is really lowered self-esteem," he said.

Some students have had to endure teasing and ostracism from their peers. But most are starting to feel better about themselves, he said.

He encourages the students' parents to envelope them in love and to emphasize that they understand the boys were blameless for what happened. With counseling, D'Amato said, sexually abused children have a good chance of surviving the experience with no emotional harm. Without counseling, many grow up to become child abusers themselves, he said.

Deaf children are particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse because they have a limited ability to communicate. The limited vocabulary



School Principal Kenneth D. Randall said the charges came as a "tremendous shock."

of sign language makes it difficult to discuss sexual molestation, D'Amato said.

According to Randall and to records in Johnston's personnel file, a few students told school officials that they were threatened to ensure their silence about being sexually abused. Younger students, believing their parents to be all-knowing, thought they knew what was happening and sanctioned it, said D'Amato.

Parents have gone through their own anguish — yet no parents have withdrawn students from the school, Randall said.

Parents came to St. Augustine at the school's expense in June for two discussions of the incidents that allowed them to vent their anger and grill officials on the obvious question — "How could this happen?"

Edward M. Gobbie, a deaf teacher at the school and chairman of its Parents Advisory Council, said parents were shocked at first, but later understood that what happened at the St. Augustine school could happen anywhere.

"When you think about it, we have seen intolerable sexual incidents from Congressmen, preachers, day-care centers, military personnel and so on," said Gobbie, whose 14-year-old son is a day student at the school. "Not a single entity is immune from this. It mirrors our sick society."

He said another reason parents kept their children in the school is that they could not find the same programs in their hometowns.

Checked career

School officials said Johnston

had all the qualifications they seek in a dormitory teacher.

He had worked previously at a day-care camp. Karen Stephens, who supervised him there, called him "very good with children."

He also had excellent sign language skills and a lively, engaging manner, said school officials.

Ironically, child molesters often possess qualities sought in people who work with children, which makes them difficult to spot, D'Amato said. They seem lovable, enjoy spending time with children and instinctively understand a child's insecurities.

The school hired Johnston as a dormitory teacher on Sept. 30, 1985, at a starting salary of \$341.80 every two weeks. He worked day shift, which meant he often worked from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m., then returned in the early evening to finish an eight-hour shift, said officials.

Seeking regular hours, he asked for and got a demotion to security guard July 24, 1987, said records. That job took him all over the campus in a scooter — which later caused school officials to interview every male deaf and blind student on campus.

Johnston returned to his teaching position Jan. 28, 1988. On April 7, he received a standard pay raise and became a senior residential instructor.

Part of his job was to check on the boys in bed at night, said Randall.

Residential supervisor Rick Roberts reprimanded Johnston three times for being too aggressive in disciplining students who had misbehaved, according to Johnston's personnel records. In one incident, Johnston was accused of swatting an angry child on the bottom; in another he was believed to have kicked a 12-year-old who had hit and spit at him, said employee records.

After that incident, Roberts wrote Johnston on May 15, 1987: "I cannot emphasize enough for your own as well as students' protection, do not physically handle students here unless it is a life-threatening situation."

School administrators are confident they can weather the bad publicity. Fifty-nine students are attending the summer school program for the deaf, 21 more than last summer. School officials say they have not noticed a decline in student applications.

The school, supported almost entirely by the state, received an \$18.2 million appropriation this year, up from \$17.7 million last session.

"One reaction would have been for us to sweep it under the carpet," Randall said. "Another reaction is to be very open, honest and direct. ... This is what we have done and now we move on."



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May 24, 1988

Paul

Mr. Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles D. Johnston

Dear Steven:

Thank you for your material of May 11th, concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us and enabled us to start a confidential file and identify Mr. Johnston should he attempt registration in some other location.

We would like to have a paper with Mr. Johnston's signature, if you have this available, as this aids in the identification process. The outcome of the legal action will also be necessary for us to complete our file.

Please delete ID #103329 from your computer, so that Mr. Johnston is completely removed from all registered status in your council. We have issued a Credit Notice #15307 for \$5.50. This is for Boys' Life magazine which will not be delivered.

If you have further questions or we may be of help, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Ernst, Director
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Mr. Steven K. Moore
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Thank you for your material of May 11th, concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us and enabled us to start a confidential file and identify Mr. Johnston should he attempt registration in some other location.

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Dormitory parent faces sex counts Florida School for the Deaf and Blind fires suspect, 22

By Olivia Mayer

Staff writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — A dormitory parent at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind was fired yesterday after being charged with sexually abusing three boys at the school.

Charles D. Johnston, 22, was being held without bond in the St. Johns County Jail last night after being arrested on charges of three counts of sexual battery, four counts of lewd or lascivious assault upon a child and one count of sexual activity by someone in custody of the child.

Assistant State Attorney Steve Alexander said the charges stem from eight incidents beginning in June 1987, involving three students.

The most recent incident occurred April 15 and involved a 10-year-old boy, he said.

Authorities did not release the

names of the students — the other two are 11 and 14 — because they are juveniles.

In the past year, six dormitory teachers or "house parents" from the school have been arrested, five of them on sexual molestation-type crimes, Alexander said.

Ironically, one of the six arrested included Johnston's father, Charles F. Johnston, who is presently on one year of probation after pleading guilty to two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor for entertaining a group of students at an off-campus party.

And just two months ago, Paul Behn, a 27-year teaching veteran with the school, was arrested on charges of child abuse and battery involving a 17-year-old student.

Behn's case is set for trial May 9, Alexander said.

"This, however, is definitely the worst we've encountered," Alexander said. "I've never had a capital crime from the D & B before."

Sexual battery with a child under the age of 12 carries a mandatory life sentence with no parole for 25 years, he said.

Mary Jane Dillon, public information officer for the school, said Johnston had been employed at the school for two years, and that the investigation leading to his arrest was prompted by the school after a dormitory supervisor became suspicious of possible wrongdoing.

"We have made a concerted effort to make our staff aware of any abuse situation or a problem," Ms. Dillon said. "We have a staff that is very aware and in tune."

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FSDB dormitory teacher charged in student sex cases

By DEBORAH SQUIRES
Staff Writer

A Florida School for the Deaf and Blind dormitory teacher was arrested Tuesday and charged with sexually assaulting three juvenile students.

Charles D. Johnston, 23, is being held without bond in the St. Johns County Jail on three counts of sexual battery on a child under the age of 12, four counts of lewd and lascivious assault upon a child and one count of sexual activity with a child by a person in custodial authority.

Johnston, a dormitory teacher at the state school for the past two years, is charged with committing sexual

battery on two boys, ages 11 and 10, and committing a lewd and lascivious assault on a third boy, 14.

The three boys were under Johnston's care and supervision as their dormitory teacher - the equivalent of a house parent. The exact incidents reportedly occurred over a period of about a year, beginning February 1987, with the most recent in April.

It is the sixth arrest of a FSDB employee within the past 12 months, according to Deputy State Attorney Steve Alexander. Johnston's father, Charles F. Johnston, one of the six previously arrested, is serving 12 months of probation for contributing to the delinquency of minors, specifically for giving minors alcohol and allowing them to have sexual intercourse, Alexander said.

On Sunday evening, a dormitory supervisor observed a conversation between deaf students which caused her to have concerns about the possibility of an improper staff-student relationship," said Mary Jane Dillon, FSDB public information officer.

After questioning the students, she telephoned her supervisor - assistant principal of the deaf school L. Daniel Hutto - who further investigated the incident and, following his questioning of the students, notified HPS (Health and Rehabilitative Services) and the St. Augustine police.

No students have been removed from the school, Mrs. Dillon said, adding that the school is also conducting an investigation.

Johnston's first appearance before Circuit Judge Richard Weinberg was set for today. He is being held without bond since in the state of Florida, sexual battery on a child under the age of 12 is a capital offense, Alexander said. Conviction is punishable by life imprisonment with a mandatory sentence of 25 years.

Assistant State Attorney Charles Timin will prosecute the case. Timin declined to comment on the case but said, if convicted, Johnston could be given three consecutive life sentences on the sexual battery charges with a minimum mandatory sentence of 25 years.

Sexual activity with a child by a person of familial or custodial authority is a first-degree felony. A lewd and lascivious assault upon a child is a second-degree felony.



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