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March 19, 1991

Mr. Lawrence Otto Scout Executive Mid-America Council, No. 326

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DAVID A. RAMOS

Dear Larry:

A recent check of our Ineligible Volunteer File against the National Eagle Scout Association indicated that the above named individual is presently a member of NESA.

This individual is listed on our Ineligible Volunteer File and will not be permitted to register with the Boy Scouts of America. We wanted you to be aware of this, so that the individual cannot participate in any activities with the council, simply because he is a member of NESA. He should not participate in any leadership capacity or assume any responsibility in the Boy Scouts of America. He could participate as a parent if he has a son or daughter involved.

We wanted to make you aware of this, so you would not involve him. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region,



Former Scout Leader Septenced To Prison for Fondling of Boy

By Jeff Gauger World-Herald Stall Writer

A judge sentenced a former leader of an Omaha Boy Scout troop to prison Wednesday, telling the man that fordling scouts is a tragedy and not "mere touching."

Parents who attended the hearing applauded the 18- to 35-month prison sentence given to David A. Ramos, 23, 5014 N. 55th St. But they criticized the plea bargain under which three of the original four charges against him were dismissed.

"What we really have here is a tragedy," Douglas County District Judge James Buckley told Ramos. "A mere cigarette butt dropped in a forest can cause what happened in Yellowstone Park last summer. And that's the potential of this type of conduct."

Buckley sentenced Ramos for sexually assaulting a child, a felony that carries a maximum five-year prison penalty.

Incident in Tent

Ramos was charged last year in connection with a Boy Scout camping trip to the Two Rivers State Recreation Area in March 1988. The victim told authorities later that Ramos twice tried to fondle him inside a tent but that the fondling stopped when the boy objected.

The boy's parents learned about the fondling several months later and reported it to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Later, more charges alleging sexual assaults by Ramos were filed after complaints by other members of the troop.

Those charges, filed in three other eastern Nebraska counties, were dropped when Ramos agreed to plead no contest in Douglas County, Buckley said in court.

The plea bargain prompted criticism Wednesday from the eight parents who attended the sentencing. Among the

parents was the mother of the victim whose case led to the prison term.

"He needs to be behind bars, and I don't hear his attorney or the judge saying this won't happen again," the mother said after the hearing.

Probation Sought

Another mother said: "Frankly, we'd all like to tear his eyes out."

Douglas County Attorney Ron Staskiewicz said in an interview after the hearing that Ramos was prosecuted to the fullest extent possible in Douglas County.

"We have no control over what happens in another jurisdiction," he said.

During the hearing, defense attorney Greg Schatz asked Judge Buckley to place Ramos on probation.

Schatz said there was little likelihood that Ramos would commit crimes in the future. The attorney said Ramos, a 1968 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, had no prior criminal record and was needed at home to care for his invalid mother.

Schatz also said the allegations against Ramos involved "incidental and momentary contact." To Ramos' credit, Schatz said, he stopped the fondling when asked to by the victim.

"He has lost something near and dear to his heart, and that is his affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America." Schatz said. "Incarceration in this case would accomplish nothing. It would be a complete waste of the defendant's talents and abilities."

'No Choice'

Buckley said that aithough Ramos probably could complete probation successfully, to impose any sentence other than prison would promote disrespect for the law.

"The court really has no choice," Buckley said.

Ramos, who received credit for six days he had served in jail, will be eligible for parole in about 15 months.

This article appeared in the Omaha World-Herald on May 25, 1989.

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March 15, 1989

Mr. Lawrence Otto Scout Executive Mid-America Council, No. 325

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David A. Ramos

Dear Larry:

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

January 26, 1989

Mr. Lawrence Otto Scout Executive Mid-America Council, No. 326

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David A. Ramos

Dear Larry:

We appreciate all the material which you sent us in late October. This was most helpful as we established a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

I would like to know if further legal action has taken place which would help to strengthen our file. We would appreciate any information which you can provide for our file.

Thanks for your help in completing this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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JAN 26 1989

cc: North Central Region

November 7, 1988

Mr. Lawrence Otto Scout Executive Mid-America Council, No. 326

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David A. Ramos

Dear Larry:

Thank you for all the material you recently sent us concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful and certainly will enable us to start a file which will lead to refusal of future registration accempts.

We would like the outcome of the legal action, once this has been completed. This would then complete our file.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

On Sunday October 2nd. 1988, the parents of 3 Scouts from Troop #388, Cmaha, Mebraska, called the Omaha Police to report the sexual misconduct of a Assistant Scoutmaster David Ramos. The parents had learned from their sons that Mr. Ramos had made sexual advances and contact with the boys at Troop campouts over the last 2 years. The last occurrence was on a troop campout the week prior (September 24th, 1988). The Omaha Police took the reports but told the parents that since the events took place outside of Omaha, they needed to file charges with the authorities in those locations. After meeting with the parents the Police Officer met with the Troop Scoutmaster. Robert Pedersen, and the Troop Committee Chairman. The officer told them about the roport and suggested that they meet with the parents. That afternoon an emorgency Adult meeting was held. inough information was gathered by the Scoutmaster to recort the facts to the Scout Office. The next morning (Moniay October 3rd. 1963) the Scoutmaster notified the Scout Executive of the situation. The Scoutmaster was told to but the report in writing and to get it into the Scout Office as soon as possible. The report was turned into the Scout Executive on Tuesday October 4th, 1983.

At the present time, through the investigation by the Douglas County Sheriff Department, the parents of 5 scouts have filed charges against David Ramos.

This information was provided by Robert Pedersen, Scoutmaster of Troop = 388 October 17, 1988

Mr. Lawrence Otto Scout Executive Mid-America Council, No. 326

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DAVID A. RAMOS

Dear Larry:

Thank you for the material which you recently sent us concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us as we start a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet, which I would like to have completed, so we may identify Mr. Ramos should be attempt registration in some other location. Please complete this with as much information, as you have available.

If any legal action should be started by some of the parents, we would like to have the outcome of it. This would then give us the complete file which would be most helpful in the future should David Ramos attempt to reassociate himself with the Boy Scouts of America.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth in America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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Memo To:

Paul Ernst

Boy Scouts of America/Registration

From:

Mid-America Council, B.S.A.

" WESSIN Office

October 5, 1988

Re:

DAVID A. RAMOS

CONFIDENTIAL FILE

On Monday, October 3, 1988 I received a phone call from Robert Pedersen, Scoutmaster of Troop 388, sponsored by the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church - troop charter is attached. He reported that on Sunday morning October 2nd Police Officer Mike Clark called and reported that he needed to visit with Mr. Pedersen about one of the other adult leaders in Boy Scout Troop 388. Soon after, the troop committee chairman called and said he would like to participate in the meeting with the police officer. Officer Clark reported that the parents had been calling the police department and asking for an investigation of Mr. Ramos who was accused of sexual fondling Scouts in Troop 388 - incidents going back over two years. The parents were highly irrate and it was suggested that Mr. Pedersen call an emergency meeting of the parents which he proceeded to do and was held on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. As the facts evolved - accusations were made of sexual abuse by Mr. Ramos in locations outside of the Omaha area. The police determined that the incidents needed to be reported and that Two So jurisdiction? and the Omaha Police Department had no jurisdiction as related to these accusations. At that point, two sets of parents said they would file charges - one of them in Nebraska City in Otoe County. He also reported that the parents were asked to go home and talk to their kids to determine if there were any other accusations of sexual abuse by Mr. Ramos with other members of the scout troop. Mr. Pedersen did report to the parents that Mr. Ramos had been under some suspicion; that he is considered immature and childish; and he was wrestling around with the Scouts in an immature way; and this had been discussed with him - but no suspicion of this kind of activity had come to the Scoutmaster before this.

I asked Mr. Pedersen if he would gather the facts to the best of his knowledge, to put them in writing and submit them to me as soon as possible. I placed calls to the Council Attorney John Boyer and Area Director John Yourg. After visiting with John Boyer we discussed the need for reporting this to the authorities per the laws of the State of Nebraska and he and Amy Bowes both



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agreed that I should make contact with Mr. John Weeks of Child Protective

Services - John's phone numbers are - office, which and home phone number,
We selected John Weeks in Child Protective Services because John
had only last Friday conducted youth protection training using the materials
of the Boy Scouts of America with our Council Staff and he had agreed to
serve in a training capacity for our volunteers at the Pow Wow in a few week.
He also serves scouting as a volunteer leader with his son in a cub scout pack.
John Boyer agreed that calling John Weeks was the appropriate thing to do.

A second phone call with John Boyer and Amy Bowes (I believe) of John's office, started a discussion whether or not a report needed to be made at Child Protection Services vs. the police authorities. We mutually agreed that the Weeks call was appropriate and should fulfill the statutory requirements of the law. John and Amy suggested that two additional people - Tony Pastory, phone number who might possibly assist Larry Otto with the ensuing meeting with parents, as she has professional skill in the area of dealing with child abuse cases. She heads up an organization called Parents United. An alternative also was suggested that long term that we may make contact with Mary Bennett Shultey or Jean Walsh both professional counselors with Children Memorial Hospital.

Next I made contact with John Weeks, he said that Child Protective Services wouldn't investigate the situation, in his opinion, the police should handle the matter and suggested that he would contact Lieutenant Tony McMad, of the Omaha Police Department, who is the head of the youth services section - phone number I specifically asked Mr. Weeks if we had complied with the law and he said yes, we had. John Weeks called back to say that Lieutenant Tony Mohad said that he was aware of the charges having been reported against Mr. Ramos but there was nothing reported to have occured within the Omaha jurisdiction and that the parents had been advised that these charges needed to be filed in the local of their occurence. He understood that the parents felt that they were getting the run around but in fact, they were only complying with the law.

I then made contact with David Ramos' mother using this number, Too one. I spoke with David's mother who told me she would have David call me back some time after 6:00 and left my brother's home phone number which David did respond to and I returned the call about 7:00. I asked him to meet with me and he said he was willing to do so. We agreed to meet in the Boy Scout Service Center at 8:30.

In the meantime, I had called District Commissioner Ed O'Toole of Frontier District Commissioner Staff - Ed's phone number was who agreed to meet with me and witness the meeting with Mr. Ramos. All three parties met at the Boy Scout Service Center at 8:30 on Tuesday, October 4th, the meeting was brief. I reported to Mr. Ramos that allegations of sexual abuse by Mr. Ramos with scouts of Troop 388 had been levied and that I considered it of a serious enough nature, having shared in with the appropriate parties, that it was proper to severe relations between Mr. Ramos and the Boy Scouts of America. His response was very simply — I believe that

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would be in the best interest of all concerned. The only questions he asked were - there was a concern about whether his Eagle Scout badge would be taken away from him, and I assured him that I was not aware that they ever rescinded an Eagle Scout badge. His second concern was if there was any other pending action, legal or otherwise, and I shared with him that I couldn't respond to that question. I was only carrying out the act of separating him from the Boy Scouts of America - that the youth and parents might conceivably pursue legal action considering their options. He asked if the Boy Scouts of America would pursue legal options and I said I was unaware that we had ever done such a thing, but this didn't rule out that possibility because we were having this meeting - all we were doing was separating relationships. I then asked Mr. Ramos to read a letter I had prepared and that he would sign that he had received the letter and date it. He read the letter, he signed, I passed it to Mr. O'Toole who likewise signed that Mr. Ramos had received it and we parted company.

Wednesday, October 5th, I met with John Boyer and Amy Jowes at John's law office and reviewed this matter and shared with them the document presented to me by Mr. Pedersen and the letter presented to Mr. Ramos. Amy still had the question of whether we had complied with all of the legal requirements in reporting these incidents and said she would contact Mr. Weeks at Child Protective Services.

This concludes my report on Mr. Ramos. This material will be share with Paul Ernst and National Council, Boy Scouts of America for future action.

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October 4, 1988

David Ramos

OMaha, Nebraska 68104

Dear Mr. Ramos:

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

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 registrations as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Ll Otto Scoult Executive

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cc: Thomas J. Skutt

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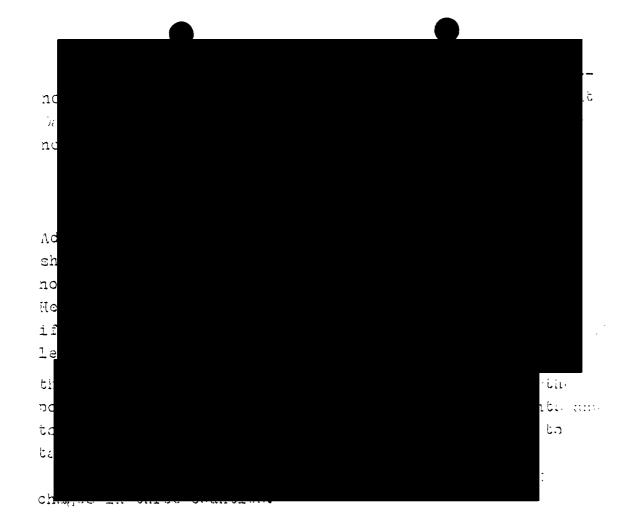
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