

APPENDIX B

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 773 Date 1/24/89
 Full name David C. Lister
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)
 Social Security Number ?
 Address [REDACTED]
 City PENSACOLA State Florida ZIP Code 32506
 Date of Birth 12-7-54 (This is important and should be exact.)
 Approximate age 34 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)
 Religion Catholic Nationality American
 Occupation Construction
 Education Some college
 Weight 150lbs Height 5'7" Race white
 Color of hair Brown Color of eyes BROWN
 Outstanding characteristics or interests ?
 Married or single single Children -0-
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
 Spouse's name W/A

Scouting connections: Chartered organization ST. ANNE'S Roman Catholic church
 Unit No. T-638 City Pensacola State Fl. Position SM Date registered ? Date resigned 1/23/89
 Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: complaint of homosexual activities brought by state youth protection
 SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Agency T/23/89 Signed Jerry R. Bowma
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
 Council Gulf Coast

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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June 26, 1989

Mr. Jerry R. Bowman
Scout Executive
- Gulf Coast Council, No. 773

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David C. Liter

Dear Jerry:

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

READY TO FILE

JUN 26 1989

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF010430

Ex-Scouting leader faces prison term

FROM THE

...feel that you must take into account all of David's behavior, not just the few incidents with boys." Litter's assistant Scoutmaster, Kevin P. Brannigan, wrote Brannigan. "David has done a lot of good for our Scout troop and the community in general... His only defect is his sexual mis-orientation and the instances where this has been transmitted to boys."

Brannigan said Litter invited him to his house for prayer meetings and rosary recitals. He said he cut mistletoe and helped park cars at the Pensacola Interstate Fair to raise funds for Boy Scouting fund-raisers and sacrificed time and money for troop functions.

Litter's pastor, the Rev. Brendan J. Henslip, said students' parents praised Litter's work as a teacher in the church's eighth-grade Youth Education Program.

"It is my hope that he will receive a fair trial based on proven facts rather than on a newspaper frenzy to show him guilty before trial," Henslip said. "Should he be proven guilty, it is my sincere prayer that he be given whatever punishment is necessary to try to

EX-Scout leader faces prison in sexual abuse

By Ginny Graybiel
News Journal

An ex-Boy Scout leader who led no contest Wednesday to charges he sexually abused troop members, will face up to seven years in state prison.

David Charles Litter, 34, of Freshman Road in Pensacola, was charged with repeatedly abusing a 16-year-old in 1987, a 13-year-old in 1987 and 1988, and a 10-year-old between 1977 and 1979.

Escambia Circuit Judge John Parnham will sentence Litter on July 5. Prosecutor Tom Brannigan will recommend a 7-year term, the maximum under state guidelines, but defense attorney Ron Davis will argue for a less severe sentence.

Between 1987 and his arrest last February, Litter led a troop that met at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. Before

that, he participated in Boy Scouting at Little Flower Catholic Church.

Litter, a house painter not regularly employed, gained troop members' confidence, then abused them, Escambia County Sheriff's Department Investigator Larry Lattimer said. Some incidents occurred on Boy Scout camp trips and others at the suspect's home, the officer said.

When Litter was arrested, parents of Boy Scouts described him as a fireless, dedicated leader and said they were shocked at the allegations against him.

Court records contain letters to the prosecutor or defense attorney from nine people, most of whom urged that Litter receive a house arrest or psychiatric treatment rather than a prison sentence. Litter has been held in the Escambia County Jail.

See EX-SCOUTING, 3B

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Shankles
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May 5, 1989

Mr. Jerry R. Bowman
Scout Executive
Gulf Coast Council, No. 773

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DAVID C. LITER

Dear Jerry:

Periodically, I follow up on all of our files which are not yet complete.

We would like to have the outcome of the legal action once this has been completed. I know these things sometimes drag on for months, but I do hope you will keep us informed with additional newspaper clippings, court records, and the final outcome of the action.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

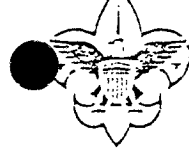
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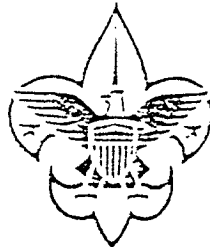
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David K. Park
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P. Ernst
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March 29, 1989

[REDACTED]

Pensacola, FL 32506

Dear [REDACTED]:

We appreciate your concern related to the leadership of youth. It is most important that the leaders of youth today have high standards of character.

The Boy Scouts of America has a definite policy on how to deal with individuals who have been accused of any improprieties. The individual is immediately suspended as a leader while further information is gathered. This information can be in the form of statements from individuals, newspaper clippings, court records, or other documents that would substantiate this action.

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We would appreciate any information you could give which would help substantiate the concern which you have. Sources of information are kept confidential. We also want to protect youth across the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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bcc: David Ross
F.H. Collins
David Park, S400

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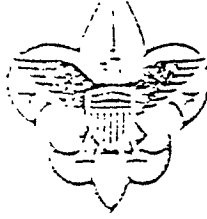
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DAVID K. PARK

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March 13, 1989

[REDACTED]
Pensacola, FL 32506

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
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cc: Jerry R. Bowman, Scout Executive, Council No. 773

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FRANK COLLINS,

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R. E. Moranville

R. E. Moranville
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February 10, 1989

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RONALD E. MORANVILLE

[REDACTED]
Pensacola, FL 32506

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1989. Please be assured that we will examine the information which you say you have and we will investigate the matter.

Based upon these considerations, we will take whatever action is appropriate.

Without additional information, it is difficult to give you further assurances.

If you wish to discuss this further, please call or write to me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

F. H. Collins
National Director of Program

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bcc: R. E. Moranville, S400
J. L. Anglin, S400
D. K. Park, S400

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January 20, 1989

TO: David Park, S400

What now counselor? Please
advise.

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Frank Collins
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Pauline Moulder
5720 Hermosa Circle
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January 18, 1989

F. H. Collins
National Director of Program
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Dear F.H. Collins

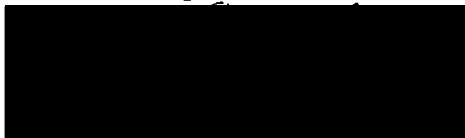
Re: your letter of January 10, 1989 asking for the name of the Scoutmaster mentioned in my letter to Robert Williams, dated January 5, 1988 (supposed to be 1989--my error).

I fully intend to give you a name plus names of other witnesses that I can only hope will support my allegations. However, you did not answer the question I posed to Mr. Williams and that is, please explain his statement: "We're going to get immediately and swift removal, within 24 hours." I need to know what steps you will take and what my sons and I must be prepared for. Of equal consideration is this man's family. He has a wife and a child now, I am told, and His mother's health is poor.

Also, before I give you his name, I want consideration given to the fact that he approached the Catholic priest I mentioned before my sons came to me. He also offered to confess his crimes before his committee members but was discouraged from doing so by both myself and the priest and I'm afraid we have done him and others a great disservice because of our ignorance. He, as well as the boys he harmed should have received counseling.

I'm sure you will do what is right. I only want to know what will be done so my sons and I can be prepared.

Sincerely



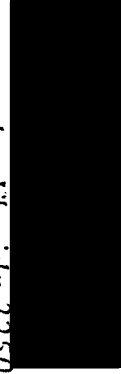
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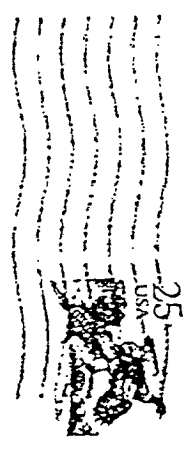
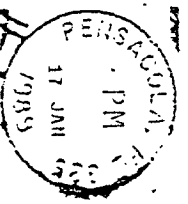
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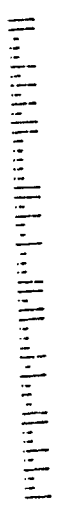
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Bill
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January 10, 1969



Granville, OH 43030

Dear Mr. Holliday,

Your letter of January 5, 1969 (copy enclosed) to Robert Williams concerning the Geraldine show has been forwarded to me.

Could you please provide me with the name and any other information regarding the Scoutmaster who allegedly selected troop members several years ago? We share your concern.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Collins
National Director of Programs

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Enc.

cc: S. E. Granville, 2400
J. L. Anglin, 2400
G. K. Park, 2400

Pauline Moulder
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January 5, 1988

Mr. Robert Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams

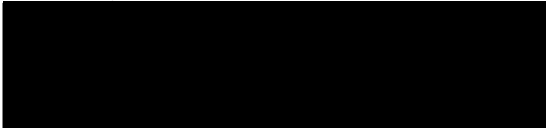
According to Transcript #319 of the GERALDO show, you were a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America on December 6, 1988. On page 12 of that transcript, you are quoted as saying: "We have a program now that hopefully will tell parents across the nation what we're doing. We're talking about immediate reporting. This is not going to happen anymore. We're going to get it immediately and swift removal, within 24 hours."

I am a parent of two former Boy Scouts who were aware of their Scout Master's molestation of troop members several years ago. His troop sponsor was informed and he was thrown out of the troop. A Catholic priest came to this Scout Master's defense and advised secrecy. He also advised my sons to go to confession. This occurred in 1980 and we were not as well-informed as we are today.

The reason I am writing to you is because a few weeks ago my son told me he has often seen this same Scout Master leading groups of young boys around town. I contacted my brother who is a corrections counselor in Graterford, Pennsylvania. He contacted two other psychologists who advised that something be done immediately because, unless this man gets counseling, there is a very good chance that he will harm another child or children, if he has not done so already (please read enclosed literature).

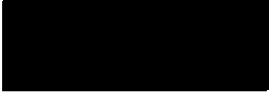
I would like to know what, if anything can be done about this situation and your advice would certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely



Enclosure:

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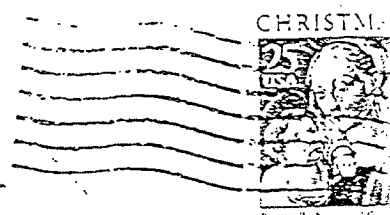


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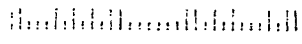
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Pensacola, Florida 32506-32536-2011

April 7, 1979

Dear Mr. Ernst:

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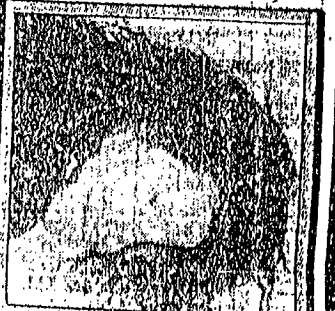
Your Mr. Bowman, by the way, was
asked to check and see if the children
were alright in 1975. That's all I
wanted you people to do. But the
way you beat around the bush
and the length of time between pe-
riods leads me to believe that the
BSA is more interested in its rep-
utation than in caring about children.
But we all need more education I
suppose.

Sincerely,
[Redacted]

P.S. My sons hasn't pressed any charges
yet. I will let you know what he thinks in time
forward.

PREP BASKETBALL

Milton	79
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Catholic	56
Washington	60
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CRITICS ASIDE, BAND ROCKSON

Jon Bon-Joy, Jeff doesn't fight the critics, fire, but he swears, stopped by Leon, age rock-fans, ID.

NEWS JOURNAL

PENSACOLA

A Gannett Newspaper Pensacola, Florida Saturday, February 4, 1989 Escambia/Santa Rosa 35c

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy skies High 59, Low 45.

SHORT TAKES

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Number of homeless growing in Florida

ORLANDO (AP)—On any given day anywhere from 16,000 to 20,000 homeless people are trying to get through another day in Florida, a city estimates.

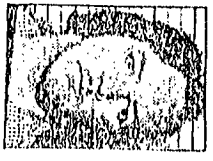
The ranks of Florida's homeless have creased nearly 60 percent since 1985, according to a report by the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. A 1985 study HRS put the number at 10,000 to 15,000.

Almost half of the state's homeless are believed to be local people, while one-third come from other states.

Boy Scout leader faces more charges

By Ginny Graybel News Journal

A former Boy Scout leader, jailed Wednesday on a charge of raping a troop member, faces five additional sex-related charges.



David Charles Lier, 34, was charged Friday with raping a second troop member within the past two years and with raping a third Scout 11 years ago, according to Escambia County Sheriff's Department Investigator Larry Lattimer.

Lattimer said one troop member, "about 12," and another, "about 16," were sexually abused during the last two years. He said the third alleged victim is in his late 20s and reported abuse that occurred in 1977 in a Scout setting but before Lier became a leader.

Lattimer declined to give specific information about the alleged incidents to protect the victims' identity.

Lier was being held in the Escambia County Jail Friday night in lieu of \$150,000 bond. The bond was raised \$100,000 because of the new charges.

In addition to the three rape charges, Lier also faces two charges of lewd and lascivious assault on a child and three charges of sexual activity with a child.

Lier has been a Scout leader since 1987 for a troop that meets at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, said Jerry Bowman, who heads the Boy Scouts 11 County Gulf Coast Council. He said he did not know about whether the suspect was involved in Scouting before that.

But troop members' parents who didn't want to be identified said Lier formerly was involved in Scouting at Little Flower Catholic Church.

Arrest of 'helpful' man surprises his neighbors

By Cindy West News Journal

David Charles Lier is the type of guy who would do anything for you, a neighbor said Friday afternoon.

Lier, 34, was arrested Wednesday at his Treadna Road home in Bellview, and charged with sexually molesting Pensacola Boy Scouts.

A former scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts he was dismissed Jan. 23 when the abuse allegations surfaced.

"He has always been the type that if something was happen he'd come help you," said Ariane Grawin who lives about a block away from the Lier family's house on Treadna Road.

"We're asking people to pray for them because any time something happens, we mothers hurt for our children."

Lier lives with his mother, Mary Lier, in a red brick, one-story house on the corner of Treadna and Clegg roads.

Godwin said Lier would often ask if he could help her with yardwork.

"He was just a very, very nice person. You don't get that from people, now."

See ARREST, 3A

See FIVE MORE, 9A

Associated charges filed against ex-Scout leader

FROM 1A

However, the church's pastor, the Rev. Raymond Mullins, said, "I'm not discussing the matter."

Parents of the troop members said they were stunned by the allegations against the fireless scoutmaster.

"David is an incredibly nice person," said Patricia Cotton. "He gave us his time, his efforts, money. That this dark side surfaced in our troop is just beyond comprehension."

Lattimer said his investigation was just beginning although he has interviewed about 40 of the troop's 60 members and he plans to talk to all of them. The Scouts range in age from 8 to 18.

Liter gained the boys' confidence, then abused them, Lattimer said.

"It was never an I'll-break-your-neck or forceful situation," he said.

The incidents have taken place for at least the past 11 years, Lattimer said. Some of incidents occurred on Scout camping trips and others at the suspect's home, he said.

Liter is a house painter but is not regularly employed, Lattimer said. He devotes most of his time to Scouting and does odd jobs.

Bowman, of the Boy Scouts' council, said the allegations were the first he's heard against an area scoutmaster.

"We got a lot of good volunteers," he said. "We get a bad apple and it hurts them. It's like somebody spit on their badge or something."

"One day I'm sitting here working on an award of merit for a little boy from Navarre that jacked up a car and pulled his brother out, and the next day I'm dealing with this."

Bowman said he depends on individual troop committees to screen scoutmaster applicants, though he eventually approves their applications, too. But, he said, when he signed off an application, he was basically saying the applicant had followed proper procedure in filling out forms.

Arrest stuns neighborhood

FROM 1A

days. He'd always come by and wave at me. If he saw me lifting something too heavy he'd stop and help me," Godwin said.

"They've always been very nice," Godwin said. "It hurts all the neighbors out here for his her, Mary, to hurt."

Godwin said Mary Litter was always one of the first people to call her house if anything was wrong, wondering if she could help.

Godwin said parish members of St. Anne's Catholic Church — where Mary Litter attends church — were upset about the arrest.

"We've got a beautiful parish and we love our church," Godwin

Bowman said there are some 4,000 adults working in the council's area. He said the adults are asked on application forms if they've got a criminal history.

But, he said, "We're not an investigative unit. It's really a verbal screen."

Bowman said all local applications are forwarded by the Boy Scouts' national office. He said the national office matches the applications with a "confidential file" of Scout officials charged with criminal acts. That helps prevent known child abusers from being hired as Scout leaders, he said.

The Litter investigation began Jan. 23 as the result of two anonymous telephone calls, one to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the other to Crimestoppers, Lattimer said.

Bowman said he immediately suspended Litter. Sheriff's investigators then identified two alleged victims.

Willredo Miranda, another scoutmaster who plans to take over Litter's duties, said the allegations surprised him.

"There are a lot of people who are upset about it," he said. "They trusted him so much."

He said he noticed, however, that Litter seemed to like to spend a great deal of time with the boys after meetings.

"But, as far as the boys, there was nothing I could see he was doing wrong," he said.

Miranda said he objected to media coverage, because such coverage would prevent the issue from "going away."

"We would like to let it ride it out so hopefully the boys will forget all about it," he said.

Troop members' parents met Tuesday night with Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services child-protection workers and with Dr. John Duffy, a clinical psychologist invited by HRS.

"The main thing I emphasized to the parents was that regardless of their feelings about the scoutmaster, it was important to listen to their kids and not be disbelieving," he said. "I told them to keep

said. "When something happens to one of our parishoners, it happens to us all. It upsets me so much I can't hardly stand it."

Mary Litter could not be reached for comment on Friday.

One scout's parents said she was stunned by the arrest. "David is such a nice person, you would never in your life imagine this," said Patricia Cotton.

She said that during the Pensacola Interstate Fair, the troop raised money by operating a nearby parking concession.

"David worked every night," she said.

Cotton said she knew little about Litter's activities outside Scouting, but thought he did contracting work.

an open mind."

He said that if children are abused, they need a supportive person to talk with.

"That really bodes well for a future adjustment," he said.

HRS spokesman Sam White, following departmental regulations, refused to confirm that the agency was investigating the Litter allegations. But he said that in any sexual abuse case, HRS interviews everybody who is involved, turning over information, as necessary, to the State Attorney's Office.

Most of the troop members are St. Anne's parishoners, parents said. The Rev. John Licari did not return two telephonic calls Friday.

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Scoutmaster faces charges

LA — A 15-year-old Troop executive for the same troop, the first incident that Jim said "So this has been going on for about 11 years."

Anonymous phone calls two months ago to the Department of Child Welfare and Rehabilitation Services applied to the Department of Child Abuse Hotline, and the Sheriff's investigators talked to 61 scouts in Lier's troop and two alleged victims. Lier said Troop members are 11 to

15 years old. The anonymous callers provided names of three alleged victims who now are adults, she said.

Bowman, a scout executive for the past 12 years, said a child abuse program was initiated about a year ago for the Boy Scouts, parents and supervisors. The program is designed for adults to detect child abuse and learn ways to prevent it.

The Council has strengthened the leadership selection process by checking references and doing background checks if applicants aren't well-known in the area.

WEATHER
Mostly cloudy skies
High 75, Low 52.

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SHORT TAKES

House may vote to reduce proposed pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders on Thursday said they would vote to cut the pay raise for federal judges to 3 percent.

A Gannett Newspaper

Pensacola, Florida

Friday, February 3, 1999

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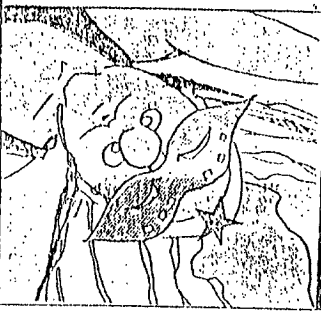
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EX-Scoutmaster faces sex charges

By Allison Smith
News Journal

A 47-year-old former scoutmaster has been charged with three counts of sexual misconduct with Pensacola Boy Scouts during the past 11 years.

David Charles Lier, 5115 Trezona Road, was arrested at his house in Escambia County Tuesday. He was charged with rape, lewd and lascivious assault on a child, and sexual activity with a child by a person in a custodial authority.

Lier remained in the Escambia County Jail on Thursday night in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

Lattimer said Thursday further charges are expected to be filed. Lattimer said officers believe another person may be charged, but would not release any details. Lier is accused of sexual misconduct with two scouts who were in his troop, said Cpl. Larry Lattimer, an Escambia County sheriff's investigator. Lier allegedly assaulted three other scouts who now are adults, before he

became a scoutmaster.

Lier was suspended from the Boy Scouts on Jan. 21 when the Gulf Coast Council Boy Scouts of America received a child abuse complaint from a Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services representative, said Jerry Bowman, scout executive of the council.

Lier was scoutmaster for a troop associated with St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church on Sauley Field. Bowman said he had delivered a written notice to Lier which forbade him

from any scouting activities.

"We try to keep the best adults working with our kids. But if something does happen, rest assured, we will take immediate action," Bowman said Thursday. "Our only purpose, and only intent, is to protect our children."

Bowman said only one parent called to complain about Lier's suspension. Lier registered as a troop committee chairman in 1998 and coordinated such things as transportation for the troop.

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More allegations arise against ex-scout leader

An investigation into allegations that a recently suspended Boy Scout leader sexually abused troop members broadened Monday, a sheriff's officer said.

David Charles Liter, 24, the former scoutmaster, is being held in the Escambia County Jail under \$150,000 bond. He is charged with three counts of rape, two charges of lewd and lascivious assault on a child and three counts of sexual activity with a child.

Liter is accused of assaulting two members of a troop that meets at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church within the past two years. He also is accused of assaulting another scout in 1977.

Escambia County Sheriff's Department Investigator Larry Lattimer said Monday that he has interviewed every St. Anne's troop member who has agreed to talk with him. He said he has received telephone calls from adults who say Liter assaulted them while they were scouts, and he plans to interview them more extensively.

March 29, 1989

[REDACTED]
Pensacola, FL 32506

Dear Ms. Moulder:

We appreciate your concern related to the leadership of youth. It is most important that the leaders of youth today have high standards of character.

The Boy Scouts of America has a definite policy on how to deal with individuals who have been accused of any improprieties. The individual is immediately suspended as a leader while further information is gathered. This information can be in the form of statements from individuals, newspaper clippings, court records, or other documents that would substantiate this action.

After the Boy Scouts are satisfied that the information is able to substantiate a serious concern, the individual is permanently suspended and not allowed to register in the future. There is an appeal process if the individual feels a wrong has been done.

We would appreciate any information you could give which would help substantiate the concern which you have. Sources of information are kept confidential. We also want to protect youth across the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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February 24, 1989

Mr. Jerry R. Bowman
Scout Executive
Gulf Coast Council, No. 773

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DAVID C. LITER

Dear Jerry:

We appreciate the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we begin to build a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

We would like to be kept informed related to the investigation which is taking place. If any legal charges are pressed, we would like to have the outcome of that action.

Thanks so much for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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SCOUTING/USA

9440 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY • PENSACOLA, FL 32514
904/478-8336

January 24, 1989

TO: Paul Ernst, Director of Registration

FROM: Jerry R. Bowman, Scout Executive, Gulf Coast Council

SUBJECT: Suspension of DAVID LITER as Scoutmaster of Troop #638

Letter of Suspension (attached) was presented January 23, 1989 at 8:45 P. M. to David Liter by Jerry Bowman.

Very little discussion took place however, David Liter questioned nature of charges - he was told that HRS Representative, Mary Grier (Senior Protective Investigator) has shared a letter with Jerry Bowman January 23, 1989 that accused Liter of being Homosexual and requesting he be removed from Scouting. He was informed that she would be investigating complaint.

He was told that Jerry Bowman would contact Father Licari on January 24, 1989 about suspension of membership.

*Added to CF file
1-25/89
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Serving Youth in Northwest Florida and South Alabama

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GULF COAST COUNCIL



SCOUTING/USA:

9440 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY • PENSACOLA, FL 32514
904/476-6336

January 23, 1989

Mr. David C. Liter
[REDACTED]
Pensacola, Fl 32506

Dear Mr. Liter,

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 the council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

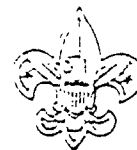
Sincerely yours,


Council Commissioner

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APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW OF DECISION DENYING REGISTRATION

1. If registration is refused, the applicant may request a review of this decision. This request must be in the form of a written request from the individual which includes his or her version of the facts supporting the claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of the written request for review, the president of the local council shall appoint a committee to review the situation.
3. The appointed committee should review the facts presented, and, in addition, may interview any persons whose testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. A confidential report will be given to the applicant setting forth the decision of the committee.
5. The applicant may - if he or she does not agree with the decision - request a review from the regional director.
6. If the regional review does not satisfy the applicant, he or she may ask for further review by the National Council. The decision by the National Council is final.

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CALL BACK REQUESTED

COUNCIL # 773

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

On-Line _____ Batch _____

CALLER: Jerry Bowman

POSITION: SF

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____ VETERANS _____

DEBIT _____ CREDIT _____

PROGRAM CODE & UNIT # RENEWAL DATE TRANSMITTAL # ID # FILM #

Re: Suspension letter he has to give on individual.

Call before 11³⁰ or after 1³⁰ please

DAVID C LITER - 5M PENSACOLA, FL.
WRITTEN COMPLAINT FROM 1990
CONFERRED TO BE HOMOSEXUAL
B/L - 12/54

SOLUTION: LTR TO BE GIVEN

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NAME Erin

DATE _____

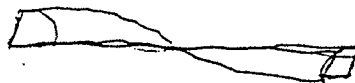
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Campfire

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Tallahassee,
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David C. LITER.

26 years old
white

Rifle Camp Staff
Juni Staff
Wood badge SW.
W.L.

Far East -
Gulf Coast
Mobile Area.

Tallahassee, Florida.

May 3/30/51