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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Denver Area Council 2901 W. 19th Ave. Denver, Colorado 80204 303-455-5522

May 16, 1989

Mr. Paul I. Ernst. S108 Boy Scouts of America National Office 1325 Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is an update on the charges against Gerald L. Marques, a former Explorer Advisor for Post 20. A sentencing hearing is set for June 30th, and Mr. Marques will probably be given probation.

Also enclosed is an article on David Boone, a former Explorer Advisor, for your records.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,

William R. Kephart Scout Executive

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Denver Post Staff Writer By Ginny McKibben

among the five teenage victims and sheriff's department officials. years in prison for sexually ason the streets — less than a year after he was sentenced to nine Douglas County sheriff's deputy and Explorer Scouts leader is back as Curry has caused consternation by Arapaboe District Judge Thom-CASTLE ROCK - A former

There was no official notification," Sheriff Steve Zotos said Monday. Zotos said he is bitter that Boone

should be held to another stan-dard," he said. "The bottom line is that this man took advantage of is out on the streets, probably liv-ing in Englewood or Aurora.
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Victims Assistance consultant
Patty Moschner said Boone's
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showed questionable judgment. young men who accused Boone of sexual assault from 1983 to 1987. His release bas frightened the five

"This sends out a terrible mes-sage to victims," Moschner said. "It is very difficult to get any sexward, but especially males." Curry originally sentenced

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But six months later, Curry changed the sentence to transfer Scout leader. Boone's supervision from the state Department of Corrections to the

Arapahoe center. Curry serves on the board of the

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Arapahoe Community Treatment

fully monitored.

Boone last May 23 to nine years in

center about 180 days before they are returned to the community, said Leslie Hicks, the center's as-Most convicts must stay at the

sistant director. But Boone arrived in January

would not say why. and left three months later. Hicks She said his activities are careto get the treatment that he needs outside of the Department of Corrections," the judge said Monday. "If there is a problem, he will be back in court." However, 'she was unsure if

Boone's caseworker knew of his job at the drive-in.

She also said she didn't know if Boone still works there. philla is being treated at Redirect-Court records say Boone's pedo

group therapy:
Testifying at the sentencing, psychologists told Curry that Boone's sexual habits would be difthrough revulsion techniques and aimed at curing sexual offenders ing Sexual Aggression, a program

Tuesday, May 16, 1989

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July 6, 1988

William R. Kephart Scout Executive Denver Area Council, No. 61

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

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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Denver Area Council Boy Scouts of America 2901 W 19th Ave

901 W 19th Ave Denver Colorado 80204 303 455-5522 May 24, 1988

Paul,

Enclosed are two newspaper articles on the trial of David Boone ... thought you would be interested in the outcome of the case.

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Ex-deputy gets 9 years in sex case

Rocky Mountain News Staff

CASTLE ROCK — A former Douglas County sheriff's deputy who headed the department's Explorer Scout group was sentenced yesterday to nine years in prison for sexually assaulting one of the boys.

David Boone, 32, sobbed as he faced Douglas County District Judge Thomas Curry after a hearing that included testimony from two young men who said Boone assaulted them.

Two psychologists testified Boone is a pedophile — sexually attracted to children — and is undergoing therapy.

"I know I'm guilty as charged, and everything that happened was my fault," Boone said. "There's a lot of people I've hurt — the boys, my family, the department, the courts."

While saying he hoped Boone could continue his treatment, Cur-

ry ordered a prison sentence less than the maximum 16 years possible

In February, Boone pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a child. In exchange, two other counts of sex assault and three misdemeanor charges involving four Scouts over the past four years were dismissed.

Boone, a deputy since 1981, served as crime prevention officer and adviser for the Explorers post for young people interested in law enforcement.

One of Boone's victims, now 19, said he looked to Boone as a father figure and felt betrayed. "Psychologically, it tore me up. I lost trust in him. He used to say if you lost trust, you lost everything in the world," he said.

Robert Kraus, operations chief for the sheriff's department, said Boone's behavior devastated the Explorers and eroded their trust of sheriff's officers.

Former deputy gets 9 years for sexually assaulting boy

By Ginny McKibben Denver Post Staff Writer

A former Douglas County sheriff's deputy was sentenced Monday to nine years in the state penitentiary after he pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a boy while serving as leader of an Explorer Scout group.

In a tearful sentencing hearing in Douglas County District Court, David Boone, 32, was confronted by two Explorer Scouts who said Boone used his position to win their trust, then seduced them.

District Judge Thomas Curry imposed the sentence despite psychologists' pleas that Boone be treated for pedophilia while serving in a community corrections program. Without treatment, they warned, he could repeat his crime when freed.

Admitting that Boone's sexual aberrance would be difficult to change, the psychologists nevertheless said the defendant is very motivated to reform.

But the Scouts told tales of trust betrayed and loyalty manipulated.

"It took me until last week to realize what he is. I thought he was a brother who had a problem," said one 17-year-old boy who asked that Boone be sent to prison.

Boone formed Post 104 Explorer Scout group for the Sheriff's Department in 1983 to teach young people who were interested in careers in law enforcement.

He persuaded one couple to let their son live with him. During those 2½ years, the boy said, Boone sexually assaulted him.

Another described trips to a cabin where Boone supplied alcohol and pornographic films, followed by sex.

When threatened with exposure, Boone pleaded for protection, claiming that his life, career and marriage would be ruined, the youths testified.

Early in 1987, three young men confronted Boone and demanded a promise that he would stop. The promise was broken almost immediately, a boy testified.

The crime might never have come to light but for one Scout who was given a routine polygraph test while applying for a job with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department.

During questioning, the youth recounted his experiences with Boone

"You see," he said, "I have a problem when I think of him."

May 31, 1983

Hr. William R. Kephart Scout Executive Denver Area Council, No. 51

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

We have not heard from you recently concerning the above named individual and wondered if the legal action has now been completed. If Mr. Boone has been convicted of the sexual abuse, we would like the final outcome and sentencing.

Let us know if you can help us close this file at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul Frnst, Director Registration Service

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April 1, 1988

Hr. William R. Kephart Scout Executive Denver Area Council, No. 61

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

We have not heard from you since last Fall concerning the above-named individual. We wondered if the legal action has now taken place so that we can have a conviction and a closed file.

We would like any newspaper clippings or court records which would give the outcome of the legal action. If this is now complete, this information could be sent to us so that we may close the file. We would need no other information from you at this time.

Thank you again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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National Office BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Telephone: 214-580-2000

October 22, 1987

William R. Kephart Scout Executive Denver Area Council, No. 61

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

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Fired deputy arrested in sex case

By George Lane Denver Post Staff Writer

CASTLE ROCK — A recently fired Douglas County sheriff's deputy who also is a Boy Scout leader was arrested this week on suspicion of sexually assaulting children.

Deputy District Attorney Paul King said the arrest warrant is sealed until Monday morning and he can provide no details of the allegations until then.

A news release issued by Douglas County Sheriff Steve Zolos identified the former deputy as David L. Boone, 32.

Boone, a six-year veteran of the sheriff's department, was suspended when an internal investigation

of alleged departmental rules violations was started several weeks ago. He was fired after a department hearing last week.

According to Zotos' release, the sheriff's department received information Oct. 6 that prompted the internal investigation.

The sheriff said that, at about the same time, an investigation was started by the district attorney's office and investigators from his office into possible criminal activities that could lead to prosecution

Boone, who had been a crime prevention officer, turned himself in to authorities Tuesday afternoon. He appeared in court later Tuesday and his bond was set at

\$50,000. He had posted the bond and been released from the county jall by Wednesday night.

Boone reportedly had been seeing a psychologist prior to the investigation, and he voluntarily entered an area hospital after the investigation began.

A condition of his \$50,000 bond is that he continue working with the psychologist. He reportedly checked himself back into the hospital after posting the bond.

King said the charges being considered against the former deputy include third-degree sexual assault, a misdemeanor, and felony sexual assault on a child.

Rocky ANA. Nows 10/22/87 p. 12.

Douglas County deputy arrested in molestations

By GUY KELLY
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

CASTLE ROCK — A Douglas County sheriff's deputy has been arrested on suspicion of molesting young men interested in law enforcement work, officials said yesterday.

Deputy David L. Boone, 32, surrendered Tuesday after authorities issued an arrest warrant for him on charges of third-degree sexual assault and sexual assault on a child

Boone, a deputy since 1981, posted the \$50,000 bond and was released on the condition he return to a psychiatric hospital where he was being treated before his arrest, Lt. Mike Acree said.

Boone served as the department's crime prevention officer and adviser for an Explorer Post, a group sponsored by authorities and the Boy Scouts of America to familiarize youths with law enforcement work.

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Officials declined to say whether the charges relate to Boone's work with the Explorer Post, but Acree said "the investigation is centering around that area."

He declined to say how many youths are involved or when the offenses may have taken place. "We're looking into several years of activities," Acree said. "They range in age from young adults to inveniles."

District Attorney Bob Gallagher and Douglas County Sheriff Steve Zotos issued a prepared statement yesterday saying the agencies began an investigation earlier this month after receiving information about "possible criminal activities"

Officials suspended Boone Oct. 7 after a preliminary administrative hearing. A week later, after a formal hearing, he was fired and his appointment as a deputy revoked.

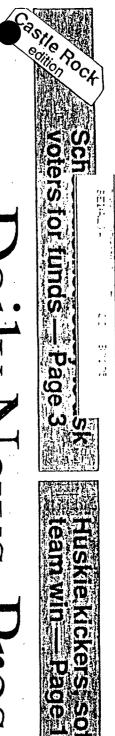
"Termination was based upon the violation of several department policies and rules of conduct," the statement said.

Deputy fired first spirits after investigation

A Douglas County Sheriff's deputy has been fired after an internal investigation and an ongoing criminal investigation, Sheriff Steve Zotos said Tuesday.

Zotos did not reveal the name of the deputy but said it would be announced after criminal charges are filed. "We expect to release that information late this afternoon or first thing in the morning," Zotos said Tuesday.

Thursday a news release was issued saying "an internal investigation is being conducted into alleged criminal and departmental rules violations by a deputy. Subsequently, the Douglas County Sheriff's Department and the district attorney's office has begun a joint investigation into possible criminal activities and prosecution."



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By Paul DiNucci

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be filed against Boone the beginning of next week, according to a sheriff's department release.

Boone, 32, was suspended from dury Oct. 7 after the depart-County Sheriff's Department Explorers Post, an organization in law enforcement. youngsters to pursue employment that tries to instill an interest in

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not sure whether Royal McKin-ster, the previous sheriff, required thorough background checks on The deputy chief said he was

"It's the value and standard the department set," Kraus said of Zotos' policy of investigating deputies' pasts. "We do intensive background checks on officers."

was well-liked in the community. excellent, thorough officer who Kraus described Boone as an

"We have an excellent Explorers post," Kraus said. "It's No.

won numerous awards in state Kraus said the organization has

Lt. Mike Acree, who is investigating the allegations against Boone, said there are a great many people he has to interview before the investigation is com-

pleted.

"It is a very delicate situation," Acree said Tuesday.

"When we feel we have the case in hand we'll take it to the district attorney's office."

Monday morning in Douglas County District Court to face Boone is scheduled to appear

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October 22, 1987

William R. Kephart Scout Executive Denver Area Council, No. 61

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Denver Area Council **Boy Scouts** of America

2901 W 19th Ave Denver Colorada 80204 303 455-5522 October 16, 1987

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Denver Area Council Boy Scouts of America 2901 W. 19th Ave Denver Colorado 80204 303 455-5522 October 16, 1987

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ADDENDUM FOR DAVID LEE BOONE

Registered as:

- Englewood Police Department Post Exploring Advisor 1978 - 1981
- 2. Englewood Police Department Post Youth Member 1974 1976
- * No unit record before 1974, unit record for 1977 not on file, but suspect he was registered as an adult leader in '77 also.

AA/II 10/15/87 Report on our moeting with the Douglas County Sheriff, vegarding whose of Explorers.

After an early morning phone call from sherft steve Zotos, expressing an argent weed to meet with Southing regresson testives, Ray Boyd and I dison to the Duglas County Sheriffs office in Costle Park, CU, for an 1145 am meeting.

Present at the meeting were:

Steve Zetos, Deuglius County Sheritte

Robert Kraus, "" Sherits Deputy "

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Ray Boyd, Director of Field Service, Denver Area Council, B3.4

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three years with these fine victims.

Bosed on an internal investigation and admissions by Pave Boone, sexual activity sometimes occurred while Boone was supervising official Post functions. More frequently, activity took place at Brone's home or min. cribin.

Upon learning of the situation, Sheriff Zotes suspended Boone from service as a deputy and as Post Advisor,

Beene Hiratered suicide and is currently (10/5/87)
under psychiatric care at Bethesda Nuntal Health
Center, Denven.

The problem was uncovered by the Arapahoe County Short, They were conducting a polygraph; test on a job applicant. His responses to goosties about homesexual behavior do not read normal. Upon quertioning, he adm ted sexual involvement with Boome, while he was an Explorer in Boome. Post.

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Two of the boys were living with Boove and his wife. They had been assigned there. arrange ment, by county social services.

At this writing, 10/5/87, the paramets of the victim, have not been notified. A weeting is planted for Monday, 10/12/87, to notify them and provide counseling. This weeting will be rent by Short Totas at his office.

The first information She of Zotos had on this was on Tuesday, 10/6/87, as collect to them by the Araputice County She off. After their investigation, they notified the Seast office early on 10/8/87.

We discuss concern for the victims and the: families and a need to provide courseling for them.

Shereff Zoton regrues ted advice from the N.V. B.S.A. on how to best respond to the media, and on what legal advice might be available for these situations.

We assured him that we would begin, through our Smut Executive, the person, but proceeding for these cases.

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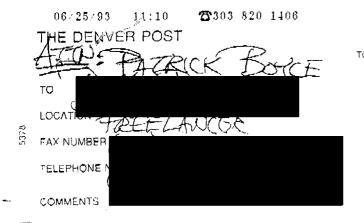
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sexual abuse in Scouting in the past few years than ever before. But we're putting another worry. "I've seem more reports of phart, applying the Boy Scout molto to yet Denver-area Scouting executive Bill Kenational Scouting leaders say. "We simply have to be prepared," said

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a too priority of the organization, local and and other traditional Scouting concerns as side promoting citizenship, camping skills preventing child molestation ranks along-

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great Big Brothers," said Bert Singleton, executive director of the organization in There are about 4 million Cub Scouls,

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more questions about an applicant's personal background. The additional information, Scout officials believe, will help them spot "red flags" that may tip them off to molesters.

Applicants are asked if they have a criminal record. The names are checked against a national list of known child molesters.

But in Boone's case, he wasn't asked to fill out an application for Explorer leader because of his position as a sheriff's deputy and because he had a clean criminal record, said Douglas County Sheriff Steve Zotos.

Boone also was allowed to be alone with Explorer troops — Scouts of both sexes between the ages of 15 and 20 interested in various careers and community service projects. One assault took place in a sheriff's patrol car, the district attorney has charged.

"We no longer let the Explorer leaders and Scouts ride alone," Zotos said. "We had a major setback, but I still think we're one of the better Explorer posts around."

Mental health experts warn that all volunteer applicants, from clergy to cops, should be thoroughly screened.

"It's critical that a decent kind of interview is conducted with the applicant to these organizations," said Dr. James Lauer, a psychiatrist and clinical director at Mount Airy Psychiatric Center in Denver.

Lauer and others recommend being wary of applicants who have no or very few close adult friends, or who say they don't have any adult male role models.

Big Brothers of Metro Denver, the largest Big Brothers organization in the country, already puts applicants through an extensive screening process before an applicant is chosen to be a Big Brother to a boy without a father at home.

Some of the trouble signs Big Brothers looks for are the same as Lauer's. The organization also is wary of men who have a fundamentalist religious background, are extremely anti-homosexual, or are over-anxious to be accepted.

"Only 17 percent of those who inquire about being Big Brothers are accepted," said Big Brother executive director Singleton. "That's hard to do when you have a waiting list of 500 kids, but it's something we have to do."

Singleton said the last time a Big

