

Helm, Dennis QF

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE July 20, 1984

FULL NAME Dennis Helms SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 237 Mason

CITY Indianapolis STATE Indiana ZIP CODE 46225

DATE OF BIRTH February 1946 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Not Available NATIONALITY U. S. Citizen

OCCUPATION Dispatcher For Aids Ambulance (Since Resigned)

EDUCATION High School

WEIGHT 220 HEIGHT 5' 10" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Pock Marked Face

MARRIED OR SINGLE Divorced CHILDREN 1 Daughter -  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
T 120	Indianapolis	Indiana	Scoutmaster	12/31/74	6/22/84

SPECIAL RECOGNITION S.M. Key - Arrowhead Honor - D.A.M. - Silver Beaver - Vigil O.A. - Minisino XXX

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: Allegations of child molestation, substantiated through investigation and subsequent admission by written statement of the accused. (see supporting documentation)

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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JUL 23 1984

NOTED

AUG 30 '84

JOSEPH L. [Signature]

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Crossroads of America

RS-509  
4/14/83-nah

June 29, 1984

Mr. A. John Posio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads-America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Gus:

Thank you for the information related to Dennis Helms. The information which you sent us certainly leads us to believe that he should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. His admission in writing that he has performed these acts certainly gives us great strength in future refusal wherever he might move.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed so that we have all the personal information which is necessary to identify Mr. Helms.

If any other information becomes available to you, please send it to us. We would also like to know if there is any legal action contemplated from any of the parents.

Please let me know if I can be of further help. Otherwise, I think that you have given us everything that we need to refuse registration.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region

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JUN 29 1984

ERIN O'RILEY

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CO 160

July 25, 1984

Mr. A. John Bosio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads-America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dennis Helms

Dear Gus:

Thank you for the very complete record which you have given us concerning the above named individual. This certainly will be adequate information for refusing registration at a later time. If there are any legal proceedings which result in conviction, we would like to know the outcome.

I am enclosing a credit notice for undelivered issues of Boys' Life. The subscription has been cancelled, and we are refunding the fees for those issues which were not sent.

Please let us know if there are further questions.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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JUL 26 1984  
ERIN O'RILEY

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Attachment

cc: East Central Region

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DYKES\_I\_001859

August 31, 1984

Mr. A. John Bosio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads-America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dennis Helm

Dear Gus:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man permanently on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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Boy Scouts of America

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Yours in Scouting

*Dennis Helms*

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6/22/84

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*H. Charles Dolbin witness*

6/22/84

*Samuel Wilkins witness*

6/22/84

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Sincerely,

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6/22/84

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*H. Charles Dolan* witness

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*Samuel Wilkins* witness

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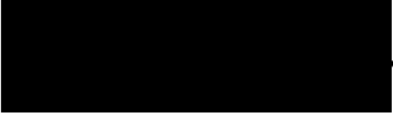
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Samuel F. Wilkin

Witness

H. Charles Dohlin

Witness

L. E. Pugh

Witness





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H. Charles Dolhin

Witness

Samuel H. Williams

Witness

L. E. Pugh

Witness

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Yours in Scouting  
Dennis Sobel

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CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.  
COUNCIL 160 — EAST CENTRAL REGION

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June 26, 1984

*RE - DENNIS HELMS*

Mr. Paul I. Ernst  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

The enclosed relates to one of our Scoutmasters who should be prevented from further association with the Boy Scouts of America.

Please advise me regarding necessary forms and/or procedures.

Sincerely,

A. John Bosio  
Council Executive  
AJB:jd

Encl.

ROESCH-RANSBURG SCOUT SERVICE CENTER . . .  
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F. STARON

JUN 28 1984

THANKS TO YOU  
IT WORKS  
FOR ALL OF US



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CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

COUNCIL 160 — EAST CENTRAL REGION

June 26, 1984

Risk Management Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

RISK MANAGEMENT  
JUN 26 1984

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you of a matter that has potential for litigation.

A Scoutmaster, Dennis Helms of Indianapolis, has admitted in writing that he has a problem that involves fondling boys' penis.

Those parents involved are considering pressing charges against Mr. Helms.

We have in our files statements by the boys and Mr. Helms.

Sincerely,

*John Bosio*  
A. John Bosio  
Council Executive  
AJB:jd

*Controller - Gus Stinnett*  
*Controller - Sam Wilkinson O/E*  
*also Camp Director*  
*at Camp Rambo*  
*812-837-9423*

*- Just to his  
midname*

*called to Bosio's  
home 6-29  
- he sent info  
to Paul  
incl statements  
by boy & Helms.*

*RISK MANAGEMENT*  
*6/28/84*  
*not to be used  
for anything  
other than  
this case*

*Get Copies  
from Paul  
Ewert*

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SCOUTMASTER'S CERTIFICATION (SEE STATEMENT ON BACK) SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

MEMBER ROSTER

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X	X	Y	13	CHARLES HAMILTON JR	5950 S EMERSON	INDIANAPOLIS	IN 46203	A	Y
X	X	Y	15	WILLIAM HOVLER	3629 BOXWOOD DR	INDIANAPOLIS	IN 46227	J	Y
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PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF UNIT COPY

INFORMATION SERVICES REPORT NO. 197139

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Camp Ransburg

June 24, 1984

SUBJECT: Actions taken by Camp Director, Samuel H. Wilkinson, in homosexual investigation of Dennis Helms, Scoutmaster of Troop 120.

Troop 120 is sponsored by the Southport Heights Christian Church, 117 Pine Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

Pre-investigation information: On Sunday, June 17, 1984, three scouts from Troop 174 came to Camp Ransburg as provisional campers. Following direction from the Council Director of Camping, Jack Zirkle, the three provisional campers: [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Indianapolis; [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Indianapolis; and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Indianapolis; were assigned to join in with six other troops in the Crows Nest Campsite. These six troops were working together and have had excellent programs during the past several years. The leadership in Crows Nest were willing to take the provisional campers and include them as members of their activities during the week at camp.

On Wednesday night, June 20, the Camp Director, was observing activities in front of the Camp Office when an adult male from Troop 174 came up and said that "he was taking the three boys from Troop 174 home and that he would write a letter to the Council Office telling them why.

The next morning, Thursday June 21, the Camp Director talked to Mr. Dennis Helms about why the boys from Troop 174 went home. Mr. Helms said that they told him that they were going to Troop Leader Development which was going on during the week. The Camp Director also asked the same question of several other adults in the campsite and received the same answer each time.

Awareness of the Problem: On Thursday evening, June 21, Mr. [REDACTED] (Scoutmaster of Troop 174) called from Washington D.C. and asked why his boys went home. The phone connection was very bad and our Business Manager, Mike Moore, took the call because the Camp Director has a hearing problem. Through a relayed conversation, we told Mr. [REDACTED] the answers we had received as to why the three boys went home. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he would get back to us. Sometime later Mr. [REDACTED] called again and reported that the reason the three boys went home was because they were afraid. The three boys had talked to Scouts from Troop 120 and had been told of somethings that had happened to Scouts in their troop. The information relayed by Mr. [REDACTED] was that [REDACTED] said an incident had occurred at an adult leaders house and that [REDACTED] said some adult put his hand inside his swim suit and touched him.

The Camp Director researched to see what Troop [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in. Mr. Dan Winkler, Scoutmaster of Troop 716 and Camp Staff Medical Officer, knew all the boys in the campsite and reported that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in Troop 120. Being well after midnight the research was stopped until the next morning. Our Program Director, Charles Dobbins, and the Medical Officer, Dan Winkler, were informed of the possible problem.

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Camp Ransburg  
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While the telephone call was being made Mr. Helms told the Camp Director that he would resign from Scouting and sign a statement that the statements of the Scouts were true. Mr. Helms made his statements in writing, papers are on file, and the same was witnessed by Mr. Prichard, Mr. Dobbins and Mr. Samuel Wilkinson, who is the Camp Director.

Mr. Helms was asked to leave camp. He left camp without packing his personal gear. He left at 10:05 P.M. June 21, 1984.

Mr. Dobbins called the parents of the Scouts involved and talked with them.

Sergeant M. L. Allcron, of the Bloomington State Police Post, came sometime after 11:00 P.M. on Friday, June 22, and ran his own investigation.

From the time the Camp found out about a possible problem with some adult to Mr. Helms leaving camp was 24 to 26 hours. The actions taken were to protect the Scouts.

Samuel H. Wilkinson  
Camp Director

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REPORT OF STEPS TAKEN BY PROGRAM DIRECTOR IN  
CHILD MOLESTING INCIDENT BY DENNIS HELMS

I was advised of the situation on Thursday evening, June 21, 1984, when I walked in on a phone call between Mike Moore and Mr. [REDACTED] who is the Scoutmaster of Troop 174. Troop 174 had 3 boys in camp during period 2 as provisional scouts. They had been placed in Troop 120 for the week. The boys got scared and left camp after some of the Scouts from Troop 120 told them that they had been molested by their Scoutmaster, Dennis Helms.

On Friday morning a number of boys (10 - 15) complained of feeling ill. We spent part of the morning checking to see if it could have possibly been something that the boys ate. After lunch (1:15 P.M.) Sam and I used the excuse of checking to see what some boys had eaten to talk to 2 of them, [REDACTED] (Both had been mentioned by Mr. [REDACTED] in his conversation with Mike Moore.) Our conversation with [REDACTED] went no where, but in talking to [REDACTED] he mentioned that he had been molested by his Scoutmaster, Dennis Helms. He also said that some other boys in the troop had same experience with Mr. Helms. We told him that we would take care of the problem and for him not to tell anyone that he had spoken with us.

At this point, (about 2:00 P.M.) we attempted to talk with Gus Bosio or Don Smith in the Indianapolis office. Neither were available. At 3:00 I left camp for awhile and when I returned around 5:00 P.M. we still had not heard from Gus or Don. At this point we approached Larry Prichard, (a Scoutmaster and a State Police Officer). We asked legal questions about Child Molesting without mentioning the circumstances of persons involved. Sam talked to Gus about 6:30 and he said that Sam was to remove him from Camp.

After supper Sam, myself, and Larry Prichard took [REDACTED] into the cooks cabin and got a written signed statement about a molestation incident with Dennis Helms. We then got a similar incident from [REDACTED]

At about 8:30 we confronted Dennis. We told him that he had been accused by some of his Scouts of molesting them. He acted shocked and confused. He claimed he was innocent. He was then told that we wanted a signed resignation from the Boy Scouts of America and a signed confession, or we would have to call the police. Dennis said he would not write either. At that point we called the State Police Post in Bloomington. While we were on the phone, Dennis changed his mind and would write both. We typed what he wrote and he signed them. He left camp at 10:05 P.M. on Friday, June 22, 1984.

At about 10:30 I contacted both parents of the boys involved. They both said that they would like to come to camp immediately and could not be discouraged.

At about 11:30 Detective M. L. Allcron from the Indiana State Police Post in Bloomington arrived in camp to start an investigation. Since a felony was committed we had no choice of pressing or not pressing charges.

For more information, see signed statements which Gus Bosio has.

H. Charles Dobbins  
Program Director

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6/22/84

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*H. Charles Dolbin witness*  
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*Samuel Wilkins witness*  
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Sincerely,

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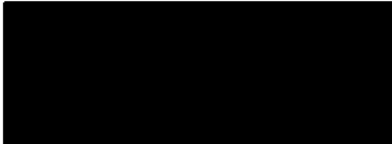
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L. E. Pugh Witness



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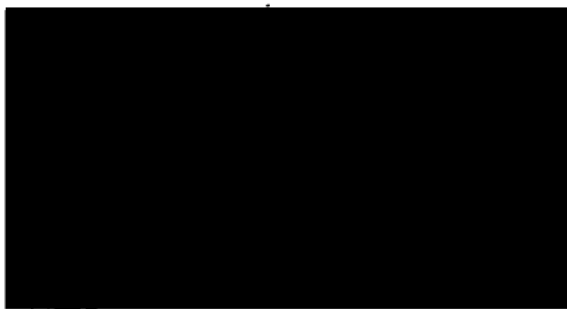
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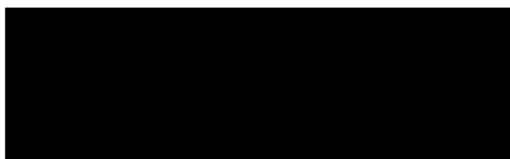
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To: Commissioners of America Council  
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Dennis L. Loh

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# Scoutmaster charged with child molesting

By BILL STROTHER  
H-T Staff Writer

An Indianapolis scoutmaster has been charged with child molesting in connection with two alleged sexual encounters with scouts in his troop during campouts at the Lake Monroe Boy Scout reservation.

Charged was Dennis L. Helms, 38, leader of Indianapolis Boy Scout Troop 120. Helms, who resigned from the troop last Friday, had been scoutmaster for 15 years, according to Monroe County Prosecutor Ron Waicukauski.

WAICUKAUSKI said an arrest warrant was issued for Helms Tuesday after an Indiana State Police investigation into the incidents. He had not been arrested as of late this morning.

One of the incidents leading to the charges was alleged to have occurred a week ago at the camp during an open swimming session. The incident leading to the second charge occurred in June 1983, Waicukauski said.

Waicukauski said the investigation began when Boy Scout officials contacted state police after receiving reports from some scouts that there were rumors within the troop of unusual incidents involving Helms.

He said the three scouts who reported the rumors had been assigned to the troop on a temporary basis after their own scout leader was unable to accompany them to the camp.

After hearing the rumors within the troop, the scouts departed camp early. Scout officials asked them why they were leaving and they reported the stories they had heard, Waicukauski said.

SCOUT OFFICIALS then notified police, he said.

During a probable cause hearing Tuesday, state police investigators charged that Helms fondled a 12-year-old boy at a beach on the lake last week. They also charged that he fondled an 11-year-old boy during last year's camp session while sharing his tent with the child.

Waicukauski said that when police attempted to serve the warrant on Helms at his Indianapolis home, they were unable to locate him.

The prosecutor said there are no other suspects in the investigation.

The charge involving the 11-year-old is a class C felony, punishable by up to eight years in jail. The charge involving the 12-year-old is a Class D felony, with a penalty of up to four years in jail.

Waicukauski said investigators from the Marion County prosecutor's office and the Marion County sheriff's department are investigating complaints against Helms for similar offenses that are alleged to have occurred in Marion County.

That investigation grew from the Monroe County investigation and follows interviews with several troop members and their families.

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# Ex-scoutmaster sought on child molest charges

By EUNICE McLAYEA-TROTTER

An Indianapolis man, who resigned last week as a Boy Scoutmaster, is being sought on seven charges of child molesting in incidents involving boys who had been members of his troop.

Police in Bloomington and Indianapolis are seeking Dennis L. Helms, 38, formerly of 237 Mason Street, for allegedly molesting boys aged 11 to 13 during a weeklong camping trip at Lake Monroe and at other times at his Indianapolis home.

According to an affidavit filed Wednesday in Marion Superior Court, Criminal Division, Room 4, the incidents occurred between October 1983, and this month.

Police were called in Monroe County after a camp director at Ransburg Scout Reservation heard rumors at the campsite that Helms had fondled a Scout who had slept in his tent and another Scout who had gone swimming with him.

After the camp director talked to Helms, police were called, according to A. John Bosio, council executive of Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Helms resigned his position as scoutmaster last Friday after heading a troop for eight years, Bosio said.

He said Helms became a scoutmaster on the recommendation of a troop committee of Scouts' parents.

The scouting official said there have been only a few problems with volunteers, despite the agency having no means of investigating a volunteer's background.

"I think the vast majority of parents realize that with 12,000 adult volunteers, we're going to have some problems," he said.

Helms, who recently quit a job as an ambulance dispatcher and moved from his home, was charged by Monroe County officials with three counts of child molesting, said Monroe County Prosecutor Ron Waicukauski.

During questioning of some of the boys, officials learned that other incidents had taken place in Indianapolis. Helms was charged here with four counts of child molesting.

Three boys told police that in October 1983, while spending the night at Helms' home, Helms "insisted" that one of them sleep with him.

To determine which boy would sleep with him, Helms told all three of the boys to draw a card and the boy who drew the lowest card would sleep in his bed.

The boy with the lowest card reported that while in bed, Helms fondled him to ejaculation.

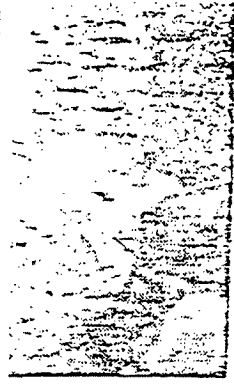
"The following morning the boys discussed the incident and (the boy who slept with Helms) said he never wanted to sleep with Mr. Helms again," the affidavit stated.

In another incident that occurred on June 6, a 12-year-old boy told police that while he was at Helms' home working on his Environmental Skill Award, Helms told him to go into his (Helms') bedroom because he wanted to "show him something."

The boy was ordered to remove his clothes at which time Helms allegedly performed oral sex on him, the affidavit stated.

Other boys related similar incidents in which Helms fondled them or asked them to remove their clothing.

In another incident, the boys were told to take off one article of clothing each time they missed the target in a game of darts.



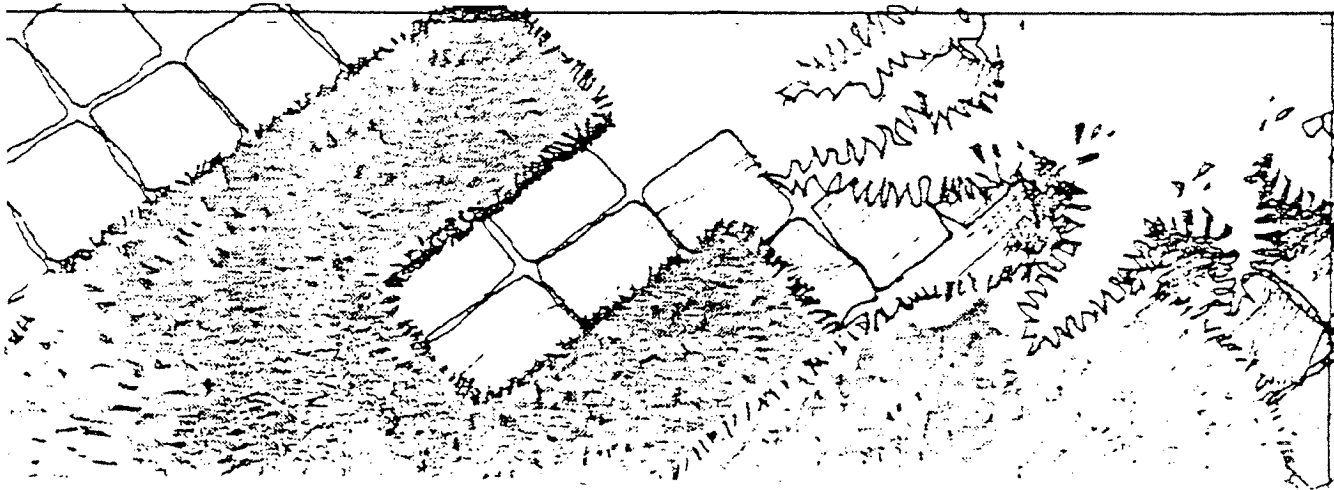
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During the early morning hours of Friday, June 22, several boys and adult in the camp reported to the health lodge sick. After breakfast the Camp Director investigated possible causes of the nausea. The Director told Mr. Winkler to schedule appointments with Scouts who had been ill and Scouts who had not been ill so to see if any item of food was common to those sick and not to those well. Mr. Winkler was told to be sure that [REDACTED] were among those to be interviewed. Charles Dobbins was told of these arrangements and the plans to interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also about anything an adult may have done to them. The interviews were set up this way to protect the two boys in case there really was a problem.

Mr. Dobbins and the Camp Director interviewed fourteen Scouts after lunch on Friday, June 22. In direct questions out to [REDACTED] in private he said that he had no problems. [REDACTED] in his session, was asked if any adult had done anything to him this week that he should have not done and he replied that Mr. Helms had put his hand in his [REDACTED] swim trunks while at the waterfront and played with his privates. [REDACTED] also indicated that the [REDACTED] had also had some problems with Mr. Helms.

After this information was gathered, Mr. Dobbins and the Camp Director talked about what actions to take.

Action taken: Friday afternoon a call was placed to the Council Office in an attempt to talk to the administrative heads of the Council. Both Mr. Bosio and Mr. Smith, Scout Executive and Director of Field Service, were out of the office. Mr. Smith was expected back in the office by 4 P.M. While waiting for a call back from the Council Office, the Camp Director was told that Larry Prichard, Scoutmaster of Troop 7 which was in Camp, was a State Policeman. The Camp Director went to Mr. Prichard, and without naming any names, asked what were the laws on homosexuals. No direct information was given to Mr. Prichard at this time.

Shortly after 5:00 P.M. on Friday, June 22, we found that Mr. Bosio, Scout Executive, was on his way from Camp Redwing to Camp Bear Creek near Connerville, Indiana. Mr. Dobbins called Camp Bear Creek and asked them to have Mr. Bosio call us as soon as possible.

About 6:15 P.M. Mr. Bosio called and was told of the problem. Following the directions given by Mr. Bosio the three Scouts were called in to get written statements. Larry Prichard, Charles Dobbins, and the Camp Director conducted the statement sessions. [REDACTED] made written statements of incidents with Mr. Helms. Statements are on file.

Again, following the directions of Mr. Bosio, Mr. Helms was brought up from his campsite by Mr. Prichard, Mr. Dobbins and the Camp Director. He was confronted with the statements and Mr. Helms said that the statements were not true. Mr. Prichard said that in that case we had no choice but to call the State Police and went to the office to call the Police in Bloomington.

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