

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date August 19, 1988

Social Security Number Unknown

Full name Donald Lee White
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City O'Fallon State Illinois ZIP 62269

Date of birth 7/4/42 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 46 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion _____ Nationality _____

Occupation Sales - [REDACTED]

Education _____

Weight 260 Height 6'1" Race White

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests SCOUTING

Married or single Married Children [REDACTED]
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections:

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Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
S-0510	Fairview Hgts,	IL	SM	1967	8/18/88
D-S606	Belleville,	IL	Ex. Board	1/85	8/18/88 (O.A. Lodge Adviso.

Special Recognition Eagle Scout, O.A. Vigil Member, Silber Beaver

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Child Abuse
See Attached

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

Signed [Signature]
Scout Executive

Council Okaw Valley #116

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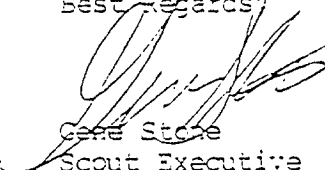
Debra Duhs
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Debra,

Enclosed please find copies of recent newspaper articles concerning the Donald White case and the pending suit by Thomas Bertlesman.

I have had telephone conversation with the selected attorney and have sent him these articles as well. I will forward any additional information as it is available. Please pass this on to registration service for their confidential files as well.

Best Regards,


Gene Stone
Scout Executive

cc: Mr. Allen Churchill

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Ex-Scoutmaster Is Sentenced To Probation In Molestation.

Scoutmaster Donald Lee White of rural area near O'Fallon, Ill., was sentenced Wednesday to eight years' probation for molesting two of his sons last summer.

White, 46, has agreed to enter a rehabilitation program for sex offenders as a condition of his probation.

He was sentenced in Circuit Court in Belleville by Associate Judge Robert Craig.

Clair County State's Attorney John Baricevic had urged that White be sent to prison. He said the position of trust White had occupied as a Scoutmaster called for a sentence that would be stiffer than usual.

But a court psychologist, Daniel J. Cuneo, said White's background and willingness to accept treatment made him a good candidate for rehabilitation. "I believe it is going to be difficult for him, but I believe he has a good probability of success," he said.

Cuneo said that the treatment program used group therapy similar to that of Alcoholics Anonymous and that it had strict rules. Participants not immediately eliminated from the

program and reported to court for any rule violation, he said.

White pleaded guilty last fall of molesting two of his Scouts, ages 14 and 11. He had been a Scout leader for 20 years.

The victims' parents have filed a civil damage suit against White and the Okaw Valley Council of the Boy Scouts.

ST LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
APRIL 6, 1989

Ex-Scoutmaster gets probation, therapy

By KELLY PAUL
News-Democrat

BELLEVILLE — A former scoutmaster who sexually molested two of his Scouts last year will serve eight years of probation and must undergo a minimum two-year sex offenders program.

Associate Judge Robert Craig on Wednesday sentenced 46-year-old Donald White of 2054 Borchers Road, O'Fallon, after the man pleaded guilty in September to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving an 11- and 14-year-old, both members of his scout troop.

The Belleville News-Democrat does not identify victims of sexual crimes.

Craig imposed probation after a short hearing at which a clinical psychologist testified that White could be rehabilitated through a sex offender's program.

Dr. Daniel J. Cuneo said White is a good candidate for the program because of his willingness to admit he has a sexual problem and his motivation — which goes beyond avoiding prison — to undergo treatment.

Those in the program, which at

minimum runs two years, once every week for 90 minutes with other sex offenders for 12 sessions.

Most of those accepted in the program are pedophiles, sexually oriented to young children and adolescents, Cuneo said.

The two victims, now 12 and 15, wrote letters to the court and asked that White be made to seek help, not go to prison.

"I know now that he is very dangerous," one of the boys wrote. "I should be forced to get some help right away. I really don't want to see him get hurt by going to prison."

Craig had postponed sentencing White after a hearing Feb. 23. Cuneo's evaluation was received by the court.

At the February hearing, Baricevic had asked White be sentenced to some jail time because of the position of trust he held as Scout leader of Troop 514, Fairview Heights.

"The court has to send a message to other people in the same position. It has to tell people, 'Don't

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our children," Baricevic said at that hearing.

White asked the court for forgiveness.

"I've made a terrible mistake," he said. "I want to correct whatever is wrong."

White's attorney Clyde Kuehn had argued for probation. Kuehn said White and his family had suffered enough.

White's wife, Patricia, testified her husband's acts had happened at a

time when the family business, a convenience store, was failing. She said debts and work had strained their 19-year marriage.

She said he was devastated and sank into a depression and for a time was suicidal. He had loved Scouting after spending 20 years as a Scoutmaster, she said, and that had been taken away from him forever.

The civil suit the parents of the victims have filed against White and the Okaw Valley Council of the Boy Scouts is still pending.

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February 23, 1989

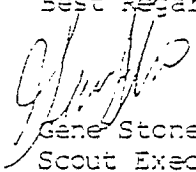
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Scout Executive

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Defendant Cites Remorse Over Scouts' Molestation

By Robert Goodrich
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

"I've made a terrible mistake," a 20-year veteran scoutmaster who sexually molested two of his scouts last year told a judge in circuit court in Belleville on Friday.

The testimony was delivered in an emotional sentencing hearing for the scoutmaster, Donald Lee White, 46, of O'Fallon, Ill., who pleaded guilty last fall. He said he had sought psychiatric help and added: "I want to correct whatever is wrong."

Associate Judge Robert L. Craig postponed sentencing. He said he wanted to study a court psychologist's report.

White could be sent to prison for up to seven years.

A physician, testifying on White's behalf, stunned the courtroom audience by revealing that 47 years ago, at age 13, he too was victimized by a scout leader.

He said he had recovered from the incident and went on to lead a successful life. He has been active as an adult scout leader for 20 years.

White's defense attorney, Clyde L. Kuehn, said afterward that he, too, had been caught by surprise. He called the physician's revelation an impressive act of courage.

White's wife, Patricia, testified that her husband's acts had happened at a time when the family business was failing. She said debts and work responsibilities had caused problems in their 19-year marriage.

She said they had a son, 17, and a

daughter, 3. She said her husband also had been a volunteer firefighter for 14 years and was Fairview Heights' first civil defense director.

Her husband had confessed his acts to her, she said. "He was devastated." He sank into deep depression as the case became public and for a time was suicidal, she said.

Patricia White said the marriage would survive. "We'll just start over," she said. "I love him very much."

She said they had offered to sell their home and turn the proceeds over to the families of the two victims, ages 14 and 11.

The victims' parents have filed a civil damage suit against White and the Okaw Valley Council of the Boy Scouts. They also submitted a statement to Craig outlining the mental and emotional effect of the molestation on their lives.

St. Clair County State's Attorney John Baricevic said the high position of trust White held as a scout leader called for a stiffer-than-ordinary sentence, notwithstanding White's efforts at rehabilitation and restitution.

Despite pain to innocent members of his family, "This court must imprison Mr. White," Baricevic said. "The court has to send a message to other people in the same position. It has to tell people, 'Don't abuse our children.'"

Kuehn disagreed. He urged compassion, asking Craig to place his client on probation, perhaps with payments to the victims as one of the conditions.

Saturday, February 25, 1989

SATURDAY MORNING

Punishment delayed for ex-Scout leader

BELLEVILLE — A sentencing hearing was held Friday but punishment was postponed for a former Fairview Heights Boy Scout leader who pleaded guilty in September of sexually abusing two troop members.

St. Clair County Associate Judge Robert Craig took the matter of sentencing 46-year-old Donald Lee White of 2054 Borchers Road, O'Fallon, under advisement until he can review a psychological exam and evaluation of White by Dr. Daniel J. Cuneo, a clinical psychologist.

State's Attorney John Baricevic recommended White be sentenced to some term in prison. White's attorney, Clyde Kuehn, argued probation for his client.

No new sentencing date was set Friday.

White, former scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 510, pleaded guilty Sept. 16 to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving two troop members.

His almost 20 years of service with the scouting program ended with his arrest in August. White is free on bond awaiting sentencing.

October 12, 1988

Mr. Glenn E. Stone
Scout Executive
Okaw Valley Council, No. 116

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Donald Lee White

Dear Gene:

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

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ERIN O'RILEY

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September 27, 1988

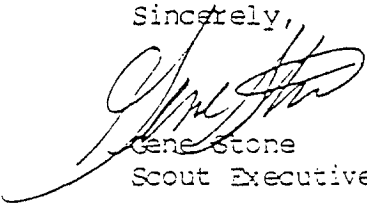
Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038-3097

Dear Paul,

As requested, enclosed please find a paper bearing the signature of Donald Lee White for further identification purposes. In addition, I'm enclosing several news clippings indicating the apparent outcome of the case to date. When sentencing has been imposed I will forward clippings and/or court records.

Please advise of any further action we need to take in this matter.

Sincerely,

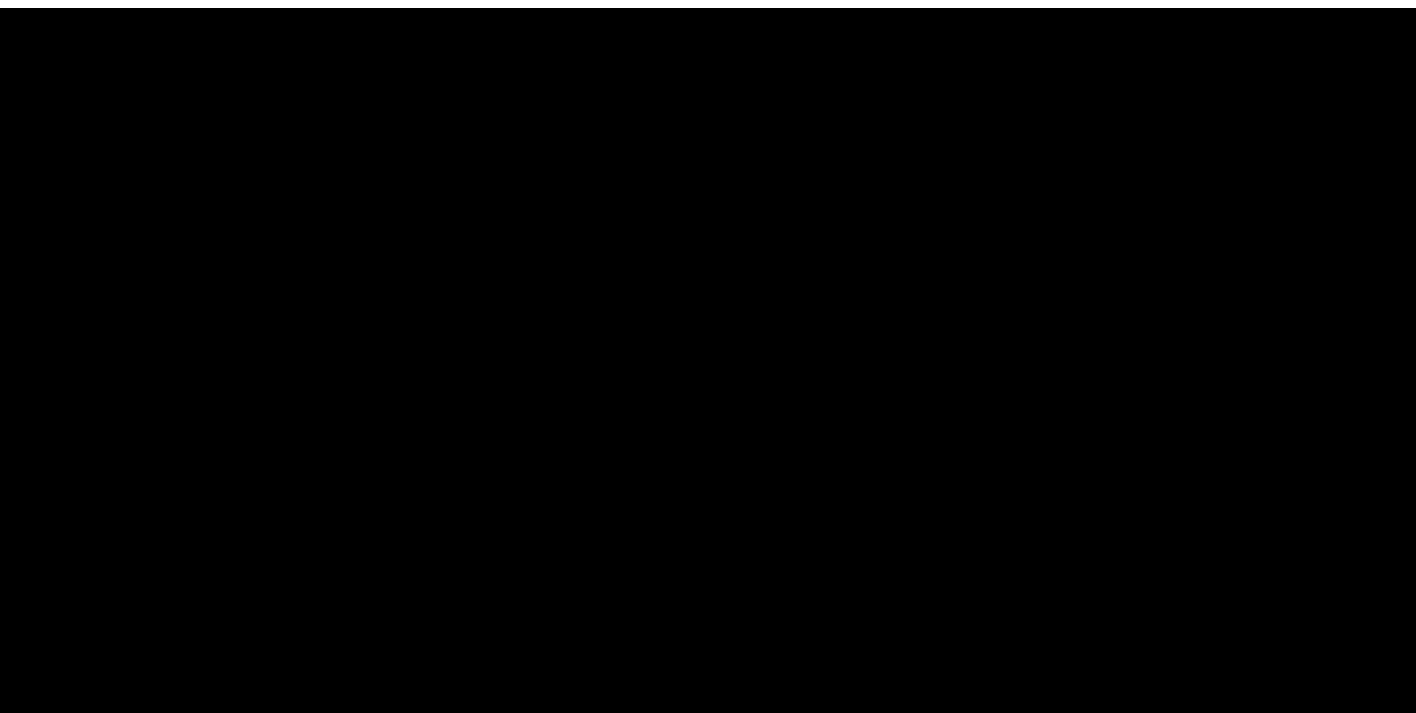


Gene Stone
Scout Executive

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cc: North Central Region

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INSTITUTIONAL HEAD CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE Brend Rowland
 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Beryl Smith
 SC Rob [unclear] CC Russell Hunter
[unclear] MC Robert E. [unclear]
 UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION [unclear]
 120 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE TROOP ON BASIC BUDGET PLAN? Yes

UNIT CHARTER FEE \$ 10.00
 PD YOUTH 17.40 \$ 67.00
 MULTIPLE YOUTH 7 XXXXXXXX
 PD YOUTH B/L SUBS 13.20 \$ 85.80
 PD ADULTS 9 x 5.00 \$ 45.00
 MULTIPLE ADULTS XXXXXXXX
 PD ADULT B/L SUBS \$ _____
 TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED \$ 218.80

HANDICAPPED Yes

ADULT MEMBER LISTING

DOB	SL	ST	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & STATE	ZIP	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	PHONE
000894	<u>MC</u>	R	ROBERT E JR	[REDACTED]	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL 62208	50/17/45	M	[REDACTED]
010895	SA	R	DOUGLAS D	[REDACTED]	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL 62208	3/02/65	M	[REDACTED]
000897	<u>CC</u>	R	RUSSELL W	[REDACTED]	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL 62208	07 /00	M	[REDACTED]
000898	MC	R	LEONARD	[REDACTED]	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL 62208	07 /20	M	[REDACTED]
020712	SA	R	THOMAS	[REDACTED]	ST LOUIS	MO 63126	10/15/67	M	[REDACTED]
020713	SA	R	MICHAEL	[REDACTED]	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL 62208		M	[REDACTED]
029913	MC	R	THOMAS P	[REDACTED]	SELLEVILLE	IL 62221	2/26/47	M	[REDACTED]

Man enters guilty plea to abuse

By BRAD WEISENSTEIN
News-Democrat

BELLEVILLE — A former Fairview Heights Boy Scout leader pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of two troop members.

Donald Lee White, 46, of 2054 Borchers Road, O'Fallon, entered his guilty plea to both counts before Associate Judge Robert Craig. White was indicted by a St. Clair County grand jury earlier Friday for fondling a 14-year-old scout sometime between April 1 and July 31, and an 11-year-old scout on July 20.

The Belleville News-Democrat does not identify sex crime victims.

White was scoutmaster of Fairview Heights Troop 510 for about 10 years. His association with the scouts was severed after his arrest.

The abuses occurred at various locations in the Fairview Heights area, police said.

Clyde Kuehn, White's attorney, said the state's attorney's office bargained for White's guilty plea. White originally faced three counts of sexual abuse, but pleaded guilty to the two indictments, Kuehn said.

A pre-sentencing investigation of White will now be conducted. A sentencing hearing will be set after the investigation is completed.

"At the sentencing hearing we have the right to request he be granted probation and agree to seek counseling in exchange for not being sentenced to imprisonment. The state reserved the right to ask for any sentence, and they implied they would apply for imprisonment. I anticipate he will be punished with a greater penalty than probation, that is, with imprisonment," Kuehn said.

White has been free on bail since Aug. 18.

White is married, has two children and was believed to be a solid citizen before his arrest, State's Attorney John Baricevic has said previously.

No scouts from Troop 510 have requested counseling offered by the Okaw Valley Council, said Gene Stone, the council's scout executive. He said one set of parents did inquire about help.

"Nationwide, this type of thing has occurred before, but this is the first time I'm aware of it happening in the Okaw Valley Council. I guess it points out the need for careful selection of all our adult leaders," Stone said.

Stone said a new leader was recently selected and the troop reorganized, but he did not have the new leader's name.

White pleads guilty to abuse charge

By HELEN M. ROBINSON
Of the Journal Staff

BELLEVILLE— A scoutmaster charged last month with sexual assault of two scouts his troop pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault after being indicted by a grand jury.

Donald White, 46, of O'Fallon was charged Aug. 17 with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault after two Fairview Heights youths, ages 11 and 14, reported incidents to police. White posted \$4,000 bond and was released Aug. 18.

"He pleaded guilty on two counts, one for each child," said St. Clair County State Attorney John Baricevic. "At this point there will be a pre-sentence investigation. We will be checking his background. We aren't concerned with what he did what he did, just that he did commit the crime."

Baricevic said the investigation could last up to six weeks.

"It is a Class 2 felony that could carry a maximum sentence of three to seven years for each count. And we plan to ask for prison time," Baricevic said.

Ex-Scout Leader Pleads Guilty In Sex Case

A former Boy Scout leader from O'Fallon, Ill., has pleaded guilty to charges of committing sex acts with two boys from the scout troop earlier this year.

Donald Lee White, 46, of the 2000 block of Borchers Lane, pleaded guilty Friday in St. Clair County Circuit Court of two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Associate Judge Robert L. Craig accepted the plea.

White will be sentenced later; he faces a prison term of three to seven years for each charge.

The plea agreement between

State's Attorney John Baricevic and defense lawyer Clyde L. Kuehn allows Kuehn to seek probation for White and allows Baricevic to ask for a prison term.

Last month, White was charged with three counts. But a grand jury in St. Clair County returned on Friday a two-count indictment that replaced the first criminal complaint.

The indictment charged that White performed sex acts with the scouts, 11 and 14, between April 1 and July 31.

He was a scout leader in Fairview Heights for about 20 years; that ended after he was arrested.

Post-Dispatch 9/18/88

September 22, 1988

Mr. Gene Stone
Scout Executive
Okaw Valley Council, No. 115

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DONALD LEE WHITE

Dear Gene:

Thank you for all the information you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us and we appreciate the careful way in which you completed the Confidential Record Sheet.

We would like a copy of a paper with Mr. White's signature, if you have this available. This would aid in the identification process.

I know you will keep us informed as legal action takes place. We really will need the newspaper clippings or court records which will indicate the outcome of the legal action and any sentencing which may be imposed.

Thanks again 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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August 19, 1988

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To Whom it May Concern:


Enclosed please find the Confidential Record Sheet, note of explanation and a copy of the letter to suspend registration of Donald L. White of O'Fallon, Illinois.

This matter was brought to my attention on August 17, 1988. The North Central Regional office was notified on the morning of August 18, 1988.

The letter to suspend registration was personally delivered by myself at the St. Clair County Courthouse. The delivery was witnessed by Mr. Kevin McPherson, Council Program Director.

Please remove Mr. White from the registration file. We will continue to keep you updated on further details as they are known.

Sincerely,


Gene Stone
Scout Executive

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CC: North Central Region

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DESCRIPTION OF DONALD L. WHITE ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE CASE

AUGUST 19, 1983

On Wednesday August 17, 1983 I received a call from council attorney, John Goodwin, stating he had been called by the [REDACTED] of a local Scoutmaster (Mr. Donald L. White) who had just been arrested by the Fairview Heights, Illinois police department on Child Abuse charges.

The morning of August 18th, the Chief of Police called to alert me to the case and that Mr. White would be arraigned that afternoon. The chief indicated that the charges were to be Criminal Sexual Assault involving two youth registered in Troop 510 chartered to the Fairview Heights Volunteer Fire Department. The chief indicated that the allegation indicated incidents at the Troop meeting place, a local park, Mr. White's home, Camp Joy (council camp), and Mr. White's place of employment.

The situation was discussed with the Council Attorney and President. A letter of suspension of registration was written and provided to Mr. White following his arraignment in County Court. The letter was given to Mr. White who was verbally told of his suspension due to the charges just filed. He stated that he was going to call me to resign. This conversation was witnessed by Program Director Kevin McPherson, an Assistant State Attorney, and an Investigator from the Fairview Heights Police Department.

The head of the Chartered Partner Organization, Chief Bernard Rowan, was notified of the situation during late afternoon.

I was contacted at home by a news reporter during the evening of August 18. The resulting articles appearing on August 19th are attached.

Scout Executive of the St. Louis Area Council was contacted on August 19th due to potential T.V. media coverage of the incident. St. Louis T.V. Channel 5 contacted and interviewed me in my office at 11:00am. From my office they were going to the Fairview Heights Police Department.

Mr. White's Confidential Record Sheet is attached.

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Boy Scout leader charged with criminal sexual abuse

By GHERYL EATON
and KERRI HUNDALEY
News-Democrat

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS — A Boy Scout leader was arrested Wednesday and charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse of two members of his scout troop.

Donald Lee White, 46, of 2054 Borchers Road, Ofallon, was arrested by Fairview Heights police at his home Wednesday, Lt. Dale Fredeking of the Fairview Heights Police Department said Thursday.

White has been a scoutmaster for Troop 510 for about 10 years, said Gene Stone, executive officer of Okaw Valley Council of Boy Scouts.

White's association with the scouts was suspended Thursday, Stone said.

"We have suspended registration immediately and are continuing to monitor the situation," Stone said.

Stone said the council was not aware of any problems until it learned of White's arrest Thursday.

"We are concerned about the problem and we try to guard against this by a careful program of leadership

selection," Stone said.

The Boy Scouts also have a program to teach children how to avoid abuse.

St. Clair County State's Attorney John Barlewic said that White is married and has two children. He described White as a solid citizen up to this point.

White was released Thursday from the St. Clair County Jail after posting \$4,000 bond. He could not be reached for comment Thursday.

White was charged with three felony counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Two counts involve fondling, while one count involved a more specific sexual act, said Fredeking.

Barlewic said two of the counts involved a 14-year-old boy and occurred between April 1 and July 31. The other involved an 11-year-old boy.

The Belleville News-Democrat does not identify the locations in the Fairview Heights area during the last six months, Fredeking said.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1988

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Scout Leader Faces Sexual Abuse Charge

A Boy Scout leader from O'Fallon, Ill., was arrested and charged by Fairview Heights police on Thursday with committing sexual acts with two members of his troop between April 1 and July 31.

The leader, Donald Lee White of the 2000 block of Borchers Lane, was charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse in warrants issued by

John Barilevic, St. Clair County state's attorney.

White, 46, had been a Scout leader for more than 20 years.

He was released on \$40,000 bond after pleading innocent in circuit court in Belleville. A trial date is yet to be set.

If convicted, White could be sentenced to up to seven years in prison.