

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE 8/1/62

Full Name Berry, Frank
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 2023 Reese St

City Phila State Pa.

Age 34 (This is important and should be exact) D.O.B. 9/30/26

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Meth. Nationality Wh.

Occupation (Self Employed) Contractor (S.S.)

Education 8th Grade

Weight 124 lbs Color Wht. Height 5'5"

Color of hair L. Br. Color of eyes Blu

Outstanding characteristics or interests Slight Build

Married or single Married Children 3 - 9/16 (not noted)
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name Edna S.

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
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None known at present

Special recognition Sold to Communist Sec. Communist Mas of Mass Phil

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons: 3 Arr. & Convict (Same Chr

May attempt to register as A.S.M. with tip # 465 sponsored by

Seventh St Methodist Church, Phila Pa

4 Arrives 3 convictions - Sodomy Contributor to debauchery of minor

Signed [Signature]
Scout Executive

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Philadelphia Council
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
 PARKWAY • 22nd and Winter Streets, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19103 • LOcust 4-2540

March 16, 1966

Mr. Howard P. Boyd, Director
 Registration Service
 National Council
 Boy Scouts of America
 New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I have been asked by a very fine pastor in our council, the Reverend Mr. Frank Kensill, to get your statement concerning a former Scoutmaster of Troop 405 of Philadelphia, Mr. Frank Berry, who was refused registration several years ago.

His question is whether there is any procedure or method that could be pursued that might bring about acceptance of Mr. Berry as a registered Scouter. He has in mind a local review of Mr. Berry by qualified people, i.e. persons in Scouting, in court work, and/or professional psychiatrists.

He asked my opinion and I told him I did not know of any such procedure, and he asked me to write for your official statement in the matter.

Sincerely,

James W. Lanning
 Assistant Scout Executive

JWL:rz



Cause No. 03-23727-9 Protective Order

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Philadelphia Council
BOY SCOUTS  OF AMERICA

PARKWAY • TWENTY-SECOND AND WINTER STREETS

Philadelphia 3, Pa.

LOCUST 4-2540

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January 13, 1964

Boy Scouts of America
National Council
New Brunswick N.J.

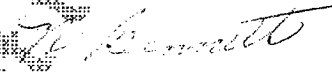
Attn: Registration Service:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an additional enrollment to register the new Scoutmaster for Troop 465.

The dollar that was paid for the Scoutmaster on the original papers is to be used for the fee of the new Scoutmaster.

Very truly yours,


N. Bennett

~~replaces~~
~~for~~
Frank. Bissay

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Mr. James W. Lanning

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March 22, 1966

prerogative of accepting or not accepting leadership applications from those individuals it feels are best qualified to serve in this character building movement. We never give any reasons why an application is refused and this should be our position in the case of Mr. Berry. A simple statement that we are unwilling to accept his application is all that is needed. No mention should be made of the confidential file, no mention should be made of any information or knowledge of information which either you or we have concerning him.

When you confer with Reverend Kensill concerning this letter, please do not share this letter with him. It should be sufficient to merely indicate to him that we are unwilling to accept Mr. Berry's registration and to tell Mr. Kensill, in broad terms, about the reasons why we occasionally do not accept certain applications and our rights to do so.

I trust that this has satisfactorily answered your letter, but if it doesn't, I would like to suggest that you give me a phone call so that we can further discuss any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HB/clr

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DATE 7/7/25/66

NAME C. Raff

March 22, 1966

Mr. James W. Lanning
Assistant Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Frank Berry

Dear Jim:

The case of Frank Berry seems to keep cropping up. Our file indicates several efforts to register this man in the Scouting program. Unfortunately, however, the nature of the information concerning Frank Berry is such that we are unwilling to accept his registration now or at any future time.

Your current inquiry asks whether a local review of Mr. Berry, by qualifying individuals, might change our position in this matter. Quite frankly, although we are always willing to review information which will shed additional light on an individual case, either for the better or otherwise, I would very much doubt that the findings of any review group would result in a change in our position in this case.

You are aware, and it is a matter of police records in the City of Philadelphia, that Mr. Berry has a history of at least four arrests, including three convictions for various charges such as sodomy, contributing to delinquency of minors, corrupting the morals of minors, and soliciting acts of sodomy. This record is as of August 1962. It is almost inconceivable to me that any review of Mr. Berry's current situation, no matter how good it might now be, could sufficiently offset this record, which is only four years old, as to cause us to accept his registration. However, as I indicated, we are always willing to review any material which is made available to us and we are always willing to give reconsideration to cases without in any way committing ourselves regarding any action.

As you know, we are in the business of trying to develop boys into the best kind of citizens and to help them to grow into men of good character. We have an obligation to see to it that only men of the best leadership qualifications and character are placed in positions where they can influence the lives of boys. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Boy Scouts of America always reserves the

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METHODIST MID-TOWN PARISH

1003 Green Street - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123

A PART OF THE WORK OF THE PHILADELPHIA
MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

December 13, 1963

THE REV. FRANK KENSILL
Director

THE REV. EZEKIEL COOPER
THE REV. DAVID M. MYERS
THE REV. TOMAS CRUZ-DIAZ
Pastors

MRS. EDITH C. HEDDERSON
Secretary-Treasurer

MRS. WINIFRED KENSILL
Social Service

MRS. JOSEFINA TORRES
Secretary to Pastors

Mr. Howard Boyd
Director of Registration
National Council of Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I am writing to you in reference to Mr. Frank Berry, who has been registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 465 sponsored by and located in one of the Parish churches.

Mr. Berry has been in a counseling relationship with me for three years and his family has been known to the church for six. Mr. Berry discussed at length with me a great deal of material about his life prior to the time that he established a counseling relationship. He has been quite truthful in giving me this information and when I later had access to the court records and reports from the Court Psychiatrist and the Court Social Workers, I found that there were no discrepancies between the information that he voluntarily gave me and the records. The Court's evaluation characterized Frank as an immature personality with no indication of psychosis. Early in the counseling relationship he was grappling serious with his personality problems. I visited Frank during the time that he was in prison and have continued to see him during the entire time since his release. In addition to my continuing relationship with him he was involved in group psychotherapy in Philadelphia General Hospital. I have reason to be optimistic about the possibility of Frank achieving an excellent productive orientation to life.

I believe that Frank gives every evidence of being a creative and instructive leader. He has consistently supported his family, taking an active roll in the church and the community and gives evidence of being an adequate and responsible father. He has served unofficially with our Scout Troop for

A vital and vigorous Christian witness in an often neglected mission field

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December 27, 1963

Rev. Frank Kensill
Methodist Mid-Town Parish
1003 Green Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

THROUGH: Council 525

Dear Rev. Kensill:

This will acknowledge your recent letter of December 13 concerning the activities of Mr. Frank Berry who was formerly registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 465 and who you indicate has been serving unofficially with your Scout Troop for the past year.

I have no doubt that the work you have been doing with him, together with the help he has received from Philadelphia General Hospital and other sources, will be beneficial. You indicate that you have reason to be optimistic about the possibility of Frank Berry achieving an excellent productive orientation to life. This, of course, will be very fine when it becomes a reality.

In the meantime, the Boy Scouts of America cannot accept the responsibility of placing Mr. Berry in a leadership role affecting the lives of boys. The Boy Scouts of America does not accept the registration of every individual who applies for a leadership capacity within the organization. Rather, it reserves the right to accept registration applications from those individuals whom it feels are best qualified to give the type of leadership consistent with the character building ideals of the movement.

Sincerely yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

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Mr. Howard Boyd

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December 13, 1963

over a year now. He has attended every session of Round Table and gone on every camping trip with the Scouts. Most of the growth that has occurred in our Troop is directly the result of his efforts. He has the backing and support of the congregation and I believe that he has an above average chance to develop as an outstanding Scoutmaster. I believe that you should register Mr. Berry.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Kersill
Frank Kersill

FK/jt

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September 13, 1963

Mr. H. M. Privette
Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Frank Berry

Dear Mac:

One of your staff, Richard Behrens, has written us directly asking if a Frank Berry, 2023 N. Reese St., Philadelphia, is on the confidential file.

The answer is that he is, as the result of information received from Jim Lanning, and I would recommend that Behrens discuss the matter with Jim Lanning.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HB:mlh

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Philadelphia Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



PARKWAY • TWENTY-SECOND AND WINTER STREETS

Philadelphia 3, Pa.

LOCUST 4-2540

September 9, 1963

Mr. Howard P. Boyd
Director of Registration
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

I would like to ascertain if a Frank Berry,
2023 N. Reese St., Philadelphia 22, Penna., is on
the confidential file. He is about 35 years of
age and wife's name is Edna S. Berry.

I would appreciate any information as soon
as possible.

Thanks for your help.

Very truly yours,

Richard P. Behrens
District Scout Executive
Allegheny District

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October 25, 1962

Mr. James W. Lanning
Deputy Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Frank Berry

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for the confidential record sheet just received concerning Frank Berry. You may not have recalled sending material on this same individual just this last August, but at that time, when we received a confidential record sheet from you, we took action to place this man on our files. We will add any additional material to the original information.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard P. Boyd
Director of Registration

HPP:mlh

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August 8, 1962

Mr. James W. Lanning
Ass't Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
RE: Frank Berry

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for passing along the information on Mr. Berry.

If you come across any additional information you feel
would be helpful to us we would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDW:jw

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DYKES_I_011252

December 27, 1963

Mr. H. M. Privetta
Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Frank Berry

Attention: Jim Lanning

Dear Mac:

Two or three days ago we received a letter from Rev. Kensill concerning Frank Berry who was listed by you, with us, in August and again in October of 1962.

In today's mail, we received from you Transmittal #49 on which was included a charter application for Troop 465 sponsored by the Ninth Street Methodist Church, listing Frank Berry as Scoutmaster. For your recollection, I am enclosing a photo copy of the Confidential Record Sheet you forwarded earlier together with a copy of your attached memo. Also enclosed you will find a copy of Rev. Kensill's recent letter.

Further, you will find a copy of my reply to Rev. Kensill together with the original letter and envelope addressed to him. If you approve of my reply to Rev. Kensill, would you please forward this letter to him? If you feel that what has been said in the letter to him is undesirable or if you have any suggestions relative to it, please feel free to return it to me with any comments you may have.

In view of Rev. Kensill's letter to me, do you have any reactions to this case that should be added to our files? There is no question about our ever accepting Mr. Berry's registration. We just simply cannot. We will hold this unit pending until we hear from you regarding an acceptable Scoutmaster.

Would you folks like to look into this business about Berry serving "unofficially" with Troop 465 for the past year, attending RoundTables, going on camping trips and all the rest that Rev. Kensill claims?

We would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HR:mlb

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~~memo from~~

ML
JIM LANNING

Dear Howard,

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Sorry to do such a
rushing business in your
department - a probation
officer tipped us off that
this man was interested
and planned to get into
Scouting. We have so many
institutions to deal with I thought
it best to assure that he
could not register anywhere.

kindest personal regards,
Jim

~~Memo~~ from

JIM LANNING

Howard Boyd,

Attached is the completed form on
a man who has tried to get into
scouting here in Philadelphia recently.
Our juvenile Aid Division of the Phila.
Police appraised us of his record and
I want to be sure he does not get
into any unit unknown to us. Will
you please let him.

Thanks.

Jim

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