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APPENDIX A

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

Date 9/27/85

Full name GLEN O'DELL  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address BOX 356, R.R. #2

City LIBERTY State MISSOURI Zip Code 64068

Date of birth 7/44 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 41 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality CAUCASION

Occupation BANKER

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 180 Height 6'2" Race WHITE

Color of hair SILVER GRAY Color of eyes BROWN

Outstanding characteristics or interests CAMPING AND CANOEING

Married or single SINGLE Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
<u>TROOP 214</u>	<u>PLEASANT VALLEY</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>SCOUTMASTER</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

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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MAY 29 '86

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Joseph L. Anglim  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council HEART OF AMERICA

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National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096  
Telephone: 214-580-2000

April 8, 1986

Mr. Daniel H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Glen O'Dell & Kenneth  
Tinkham

Dear Dan:

I am sorry to bother you again concerning Confidential File cases. We seem to have run through a multitude of them in the last few months.

The above named individuals were arrested related to sexual charges. We would like to know the outcome of any legal action which has taken place concerning both of these individuals. This will be most helpful to us as we complete our files for refusal of registration anywhere in the country.

Let us know if we may be of any help from this office.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

*Handwritten notes:*  
O'Dell  
5/8-1986  
1-2-86  
Tinkham

PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED.....I BELIEVE THEY ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY.

Dan H. Wheatcroft, S.E.

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## Ex-Scout leader placed on probation on sex charges

By Greg Kuhl  
staff writer

Former Boy Scout leader Glen O'Dell faced five sex-related felony charges stemming from what authorities say were incidents with a 14-year-old former troop member.

But under an agreement with Clay County prosecutors, the defendant pleaded guilty Wednesday to two misdemeanor charges of sexual contact with a minor and was placed on two years' probation.

Mr. O'Dell, a Boy Scout leader for 16 years until he was charged last September, will stay out of jail if he follows probation guidelines.

Assistant Clay County prosecutor J.B. Chancellor said today, "It was a real weird case. Under

the circumstances we felt like this was the best plea bargain to reach."

Mr. O'Dell declined to comment Thursday on his guilty pleas before Clay County Associate Circuit Judge C. Patrick Bills.

Liberty lawyer Leary G. Skinner, who represented Mr. O'Dell, also declined to comment.

Last September, Mr. O'Dell, who was 41 at the time, was charged with two felony counts of sodomy and three felony counts of deviant sexual behavior. Authorities claimed the acts occurred between November 1984 and February 1985.

Under the plea agreement those charges were dropped and Clay County prosecutors filed the misdemeanor charges, according to Mr. Skinner.



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June 3, 1986

Mr. Daniel H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: "Oliver O'Connell"

Dear Dan:

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

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

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SHIRLEY MEYER

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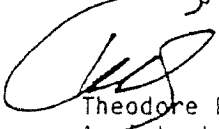
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Cordially,

  
Theodore P. Accas  
Assistant Regional Director

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## Scouts to emphasize screening of volunteers

By Elaine Adams

staff writer

The Kansas City-area Boy Scouts, stunned by the filing of criminal charges against three Scout leaders in the last two weeks, plan to improve their training of the volunteers who screen new leaders.

Both national and local Scout officials maintain, however, that the current method of selecting leaders—which leaves the choice to the church, school or civic group sponsoring the Scouting program—is the best way to weed out undesirables.

"Even one case is too many, but in reality we work with 1.6 million adult volunteers around the country and there are each year a handful of morals cases," said Barclay Bollas, national news editor at the Boy Scouts of America headquarters in Irving, Texas. "We feel the percentage is extremely low and we have confidence in our selection procedure."

The recent string of criminal charges apparently has not hurt area recruiting, said Harvey Thompson, director of field service for the 19-county Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Thompson said he hoped the recent publicity will prompt parents to become more involved in Scouting and not tarnish "a movement that has helped young people and their families for years and years."

Those charged:

● Glen O'Dell, a longtime leader in the Clay County community of Pleasant Valley, was charged with two counts of sodomy and three counts of first-degree deviant sexual assault on a boy who had been member of his troop.

● John M. Melanson was charged with forgery in the theft of \$350 from a blind couple whose son he tried to recruit into a Scout organization at a North-east-area church.

● Kenneth Tinkham of Leavenworth surrendered Friday to Wyandotte County authorities. He was charged with taking indecent liberties with an 8-year-old boy at a Scout camp.

Mr. Thompson said all three leaders had been suspended from the Scout program.

"A person is innocent until he goes to court, but we can't afford to have a person who may have done an immoral act close to kids," Mr. Thompson said.

Mr. Thompson said at least five persons in the sponsoring group are required to be active in the recruiting of volunteer leaders.

"What happened in the last few days shows there's been some slippage in those checks and balances," Mr. Thompson said.

Mr. Bollas said the Scouts maintain a list of 2,000 undesirables and the names of all applicants are checked against it. But it is a misconception that fingerprinting would help, he said, because incidents rarely involve repeat offenders.

Mr. Thompson said the organization is working to make everyone more aware of the possibility that even a trusted neighbor might be capable of criminal behavior. The effort had begun in the last year or so, he said, but will be intensified because of the recent incidents.

Locally, Mr. Thompson said, churches are being urged to see Scouting as part of their youth ministry. His organization is working with the churches on a new training program for Scouting coordinators.

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# Deviant sex charges filed against longtime Northland Scout leader

By Ron Ostroff  
A Member of the Staff

A longtime award-winning Northland Boy Scout leader has been charged with five counts of deviant sexual behavior with a 14-year-old who had been a member of his troop.

Glen O'Dell, 41, of 6717 River Road, Pleasant Valley in Clay County, was charged with two counts of sodomy and three counts of first-degree deviant sexual assault. Four of the charges were filed Monday, and one was filed last week. All involve the same boy. The acts were said to have occurred between November 1984 and February.

Clay County Associate Circuit Judge C. Patrick Bills set bonds of \$7,500 on each charge at a hearing Monday. Mr. O'Dell is scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 8.

The charges shocked Mr. O'Dell's troop and other scouting

leaders.

"He's done a lot of good for scouting, and he's well-known and highly regarded," said Scout Executive Dan Wheatcroft, the top professional in the Heart of America Council, which covers parts of eastern Kansas and western Missouri. "If he's guilty of the crimes, a lot of people will be in shock."

Mr. Wheatcroft said that as soon as he became aware of the charges last week, Mr. O'Dell was suspended from scouting "until we can let the judicial system work."

Mr. Wheatcroft said Mr. O'Dell had been scoutmaster of Troop 214 in Pleasant Valley for about 16 years. In those years, Mr. O'Dell, whose friends say he is single and has no children, has earned several training awards, including the Scouters' Key and membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Mr. O'Dell could not be reached for comment.

"The boys find this very hard to believe because they idolize him," said Robert Landuyt, the troop's acting scoutmaster. "They are very upset."

Mr. Landuyt said the scouts liked Mr. O'Dell so much that they would give him expensive Christmas and birthday presents such as a citizens' band radio and a new wallet with a \$100 bill inside.

"He has been a very good role model," said Ron Bush, unit commissioner for Troop 214 and an associated Cub Scout pack. "Glen has worked so long with the boys, and both of mine made Eagle Scout with him. I don't buy those charges at all."

"Like me, the boys feel angry and sort of helpless."

Mr. Landuyt added, "We all hope these charges will be found false and he will be exonerated so he can go on with his life."



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Car wheel:

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TO: PAUL ERNST

PAUL:

PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED....  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FILE.  
MORE WILL FOLLOW.

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**Heart of America Council**

September 18, 1985



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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Glen Odell  
Box 356 - R.R. #2  
Liberty, Missouri 64068

Dear Mr. Odell:

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.

You should understand that BSA leadership 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 measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Dan H. Wheatcroft  
Scout Executive

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The Kansas City Star, Sunday, September 29, 1985

## Scouts to emphasize



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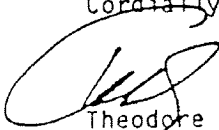
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