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March 8, 1990

Paul,

Enclosed is another newspaper article on for your file.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1990

Ex-Boy Scout leader sentenced

Judge imposes maximum 32 years for molesting two youths

By Kris Newcomer

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

A former Denver Boy Scout leader was sentenced yesterday to 32 years in prison for molesting two youngsters who were members of his troop.

Johns 42, was "very depressed" after the hearing, said Tamra Bowman, who defended him in Denver District Court. "The judge gave him the maximum sentence.

was arrested by Denver police in November 1989 after a 19year-old boy told authorities he had been imblested since he was 95 Arace ond child in Spaulding's Boyli Scout troop later said he had been molested over a period of three months.

who has been in fail since his arrest, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault and was facing a fiveto 16-year prison sentence on each

Denver District Judge H. Jeffrey Bayless handed him two consecutive 16-year terms.

"I think it was a lot of years for somebody with a minimal criminal history," said Bowman.

Arguing for a lesser sentence, Bowman cited the lack of violence in the fact that he had supervised many'r for him, "she said, a mell with the

children without molesting them.

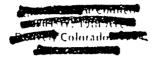
Bowman said that was evidence that was capable of functioning "in a position of trust without abusing that" and, therefore, was a good candidate for rehabilitation.

But the judge just decided he could not be rehabilitated," she said.

"feels especially bad about the fact that he feels he shamed the Boy Scouts," and that boys in his troop had to be interviewed about a subject that undoubtedly was disturbing to them, Bowman said.

The sentence handed down against





March 5, 1990

Paul,

The enclosed article was in g was last Saturday. g was sentenced to thirty-two years in prison.

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Ex-Scout leader gets 32 years

Sex assaults on two boys violated trust, judge says

By Howard Pankratz Denver Post Legal Alfairs Writer

Former Denver Boy Scout leader Harry yesterday was handed the maximum 32-year prison sentence for repeatedly sexually assaulting two boys who were members of his Scout troop.

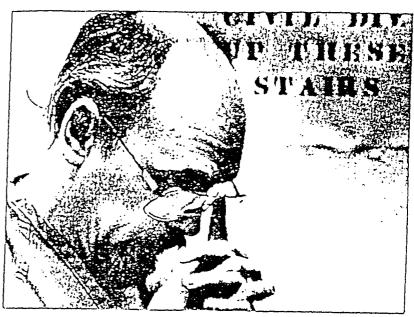
Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless, a former prosecutor, ripped for violating his position of trust and casting doubt on an institution he described as "one of the finest traditions we have in this country."

"The Boy Scouts of America fall into a very small grouping in the eyes of American parents, akin to mom, apple pie and baseball," Bayless said.

parents reluctant to let their children participate in scouting "for fear other dispare out there," the judge said.

over nearly 10 years, from when the boy was 8 until he was 17. The other victim was molested during a three-month span.

"I don't believe the defendant can control his actions. His way of caring is a danger to young boys," Bayless said. "The oldest persons I see in this courtroom are pedophiles. Robbers and druggies stop. Pedophiles don't."



The Denver Fost / Glen Martin

SENTENCED: Former Scout leader Hall

Ex-Scout leader gets 32 years for sex assaults

In return for the six guilty pleas to two counts of second-degree sexual assault, the prosecution dropped five counts of sexual assault on a child. The dismissed counts alleged that the sound for fordled two boys, 8 and 9, whom he was babysitting in late 1989.

Prosecutor Karen Steinhauser asked the judge for the maximum sentence, saying freely misuse of his position devastated his victims and robbed them of their childhood.

"When someone uses their position — a Boy Scout troop leader and all that implies — to gain a child's trust, it is almost worse than a (sexual assault) case involving force and violence." Sleinhauser said.

The prosecutor noted that the boy who was molested over the 10-year period had been persuaded to join the Scouts by the Shortly after the youth's father died.

When the two victims were as ed about an appropriate sentenc Steinhauser said, one wanted his executed and the other said is should go to prison for life.

The prosecutor said she visite with members of Boscout troop and their parents, as they voiced an overwhelmin sense of betrayal. "There are just many people he betrayed."

One of the victims consider making a statement in court b

decided it would be too painful.

Instead, the youth wrote the judge that he didn't think he coul handle being near

"The hurt is too much becaus not only did he abuse me physically but mentally as well," the virtim said. "I would like to see Jo Spaulding get the maximum arthen some, because I believe would do it again, and I would want to have some other little bego through what I did. Please dor let that happen."

January 30, 1990

Scout Executive

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:

Dear

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 Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

cc:

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JAN D'RILEY





January 11, 1990

Dear Paul,

Enclosed is a copy of an article from on for your file.

Thank you.



Ex-Scout leader enters guilty plea in sex case

One victim molested over 10-year period

By Howard Pankratz Denver Post Legal Alfaigs Writer

Former Denver Boy Scout leader 6, 42, pleaded guilty yesterday to sexually assaulting two boys who were members of his Scout troop.

One of the boys, now 19, was molested over a 10-year period, prosecutor Karen Steinhauser told Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless. The other boy was molested over a 3-month span.

met both boys through scouting activities, Steinhauser said.

Because of the aggravating factors surrounding the cases, including the duration of the one assault and because was on probation for theft, the Denver district attorney plans to ask that receive a maximum 32-year prison sen-

Sentencing is scheduled for March 2.

"When you have sex abuse over a period of time it is in some manner going to affect the victim for the rest of his life," said Steinhauser, a chief deputy district attor-

Steinhauser said that and g spent considerable amounts of time with both victims away from scouting activities. In the case of the boy who was abused for a decade. took the youth on outings and bought him things. Steinhauser said. In essence, the prosecution alleged, became a guardian for the fatherless youth.

The other victim went camping and to

concerts with contents g, Steinhauser said.
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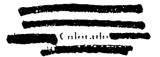
Steinhauser said she agreed to a plea bargain because she didn't want to put the victims through any more trauma and because See still faces a lengthy pris-

Bayless also will sentence theft from a Denver gas station.

He could receive up to 16 years in that case. Originally, under a plea bargain entered in June 1988, he had received a deferred sentence in which he would avoid a prison term if he stayed out of trouble.

llis sexual assaults were violations of the pica bargain and authorities have asked Bayless to impose a sentence in the theft case.





January 2, 1990

Paul,

Enclosed is a newspaper article for your file on I'll keep you posted on any new developments.

THE DENVER FOST - DECEMBER 30, 1989

Ex-Boy Scout official waives hearing right

DENVER — A former Denver Boy Scout leader accused of sexual assault against a member of his troop waived his right to a preliminary hearing yesterday in Denver County Court.

Arraignment for 142, was set for Jan. 9.
Spaulding, who is being held on \$25,000 bond in the Denver County Jail, has been charged with two counts of sexual assault on a child and four counts of sexual assault unrelated to his scouting duties.

One victim who came forward is now 19 years old and has claimed he has been a victim since he was 9.





December 13, 1989



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

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is all the information on the composition case that I talked to you about. After visiting with you, we removed name from all our records and attempted to deliver a letter to him while in custody, but the police would not permit or carry out a delivery and requested I send a letter via mail with return receipt requested. Enclosed is a copy of the receipt which was signed by someone other than

It appears this is all we can do at this point. The Police Department has informed us that fits the typical pedophilic profile and they have substantial evidence including photographs to put him away for a long time.

We will keep you informed as to any further developments.

Most sincerely,

Scout Executive

Enclosures

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

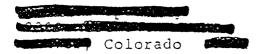
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Child's name: Children involved but names Date of birth:
Parent's name:
Telephone No.: ()
Behavioral indicators observed
Other indicators observed/known:
Reporter's name and position:Police Department
Date of report: 11/27/89 Signature:





November 21, 1989



Dear ::

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 B.S.A. membership 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 meet the high standards of membership the B.S.A. seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a B.S.A. Regional Review Committee, please write to the Regional Director within sixty days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a B.S.A. member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Scout Executive

Enclosure

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Ex-Scout leader held in sex case

By TILLIE FONG Nocky Mountain Hows Stall Willer

A larmer Demer Boy Scout leader who is suspected of sexually assaulting at least one Scout for 10 years, has been ar-rested for investigation of sexual assaults on children.

Suspect linked to 6 counts of sexual assault

ing, 42, of Denver,

was being held for investigation of two counts of sexual assault against a child and four counts of sexual assault in a case unrelated to his scouting duties.

He was being held on \$25,000 bond in the

Denver County Jail yesterday.

"We've found one victim and we're fairly certain there are others," said Denver police Sgt. Robert Padilla, Police are questioning former members of the troop, which was not identified. The victim who came forward is now 19 years old and claimed the assaults began when he was 9.

Police did not know when was a Boy Scout leader but think he headed a troop for at least 10 years.

Boy Scout officials could not be reached for comment yesterday,

Police became aware of the suspect when a woman called police Nov. 18 after her two sons, ages 8 and 9, had told her that their had inappropriately touched them, Padilla said.

The woman told police she had rented her basement apartment to 🗬 two months ago and that he was a former Boy Scout

Detectives followed up on the Boy Scout tip, checked the froop he led and found an apparent victim, now 19,
"We made contact with one of the boys, and

he did sexually assault him" during a 10-year period, Padilla said.

Other Scouts who were questioned said they had not been assaulted.

The woman also turned over to the police six or seven photo albums that she said she found while moving some of sessions. The albums contained photos of naked men and boys, Padilla said.

"One of them was of the boy he knew through the Boy Scouts," he said.

Last year, the Denver Boy Scouts officials launched a program called Youth Protection Training that is aimed at warding off child molesters.

Aspiring scout leaders now have to list on their applications any drug, child-buse or other felony charges they may have faced.

All leaders are forbidden from being alone with any child for any length of time. At least . one other adult must be present at all times.

The program was launched to ward off child. molesters who become senut leaders to recruit victims, Nationwide, there have been at .. least 100 accusations of sexual assault against scout leaders in the past decade,

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William Rephart, executive director of the Denver-area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said the organization is aware of the potential for such activity and has taken steps in recent years to keep child molesters out of the organization.

"We do everything we possibly; can, and have changed a lot of our policies," he said.

IN-SCHOOL SCOUTING APPLICATION OF EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYER - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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December 13, 1989

Scout Executive

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENCIAL

SUBJUCT:

Dear :

We appreciate the newspaper elipping which you sent us indicating that was in jail for alleged sexual assaults.

I am enclosing an Ineligible Volunteer Record Short which I would like to have completed, so we can make certain that identification is possible anywhere he might attempt to register in the future.

We would also like to know the correct spelling of his last name, since the paper has a "U" in his name and your registration did not.

We will want to have the outcome of the local action, once it has been completed. We know you will keep us informed.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

Enclosure

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