

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 8 July 1988

FULL NAME HARVEY ^{Louis} Blow Jr. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY SHELBURNE STATE VERMONT ZIP CODE 05482

DATE OF BIRTH 7-4-1931 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY United States

OCCUPATION Retired

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT Approx 240 HEIGHT Approx 5'9 RACE CAUCASIAN

COLOR OF HAIR gray/grayish brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS leg deformity one side / built up shoe - obvious when he walks.

MARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN N/A
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
50607	SHELBURNE	VT	MC	4/88	4/88

SPECIAL RECOGNITION none known.

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Record of past convictions for child molestation.

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):

Place of Birth Bristol, Conn.

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council _____

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIA

January 3, 1989⁸⁹

Mr. Robert J. Kumbura
Scout Executive
Green Mountain Council, No. 592

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harvey Louis Blow, Jr.

Dear Bob:

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: Northeast Region

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September 21, 1988

Mr. Robert J. Kumbera
Scout Executive
Green Mountain Council, No. 592

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HARVEY LOUIS BLOW, JR

Dear Bob:

We appreciate the information which you previously sent us concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us and certainly gives most everything we need for establishing a file and refusing registration anywhere in the country.

We would like to have more information concerning his past convictions of child molestation. Can you secure more information from the Shelburne Little League or from court records? This information is most important to us if we are to have a complete file.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

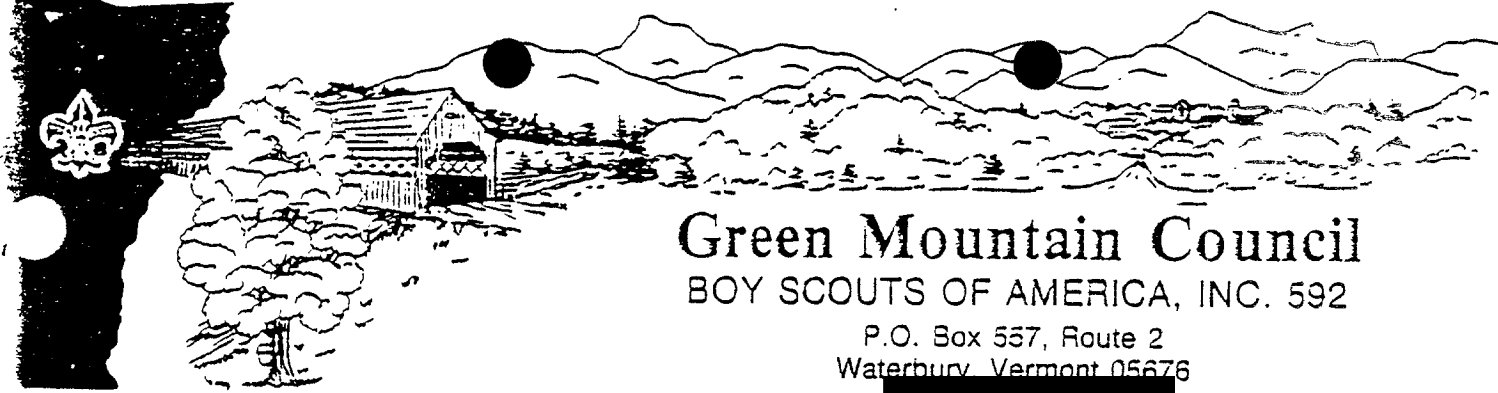
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cc: Northeast Region

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July 13, 1988

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

Dear Paul:

Here are the confidential record sheets for Robert P. Carter and Harvey
~~L. Blow, Jr.~~

Sincerely,

Robert J. Kumbura
Robert J. Kumbura
Scout Executive

RJK/mls

Encl:

To: Robert Kumbera, Scout Executive
Green Mountain Council

From: Michael McCormic
John Barr

Subject: Report of meeting with Mr. Harvey Blow

Executive Board member John Barr and I met with Mr. Harvey Blow at approximately 4:15 PM on Thursday, June 23rd. This meeting took place at his residence at [REDACTED] Shelburne, Vermont.

Realizing that two or more people, who were identified as his [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], were also in the house we asked if he would prefer to go somewhere more private. Rather than responding to the offer he asked, "What's this all about?" Since the other individuals were out of sight we stated that we were there to follow up on the recent decision by the troop committee and to insure that he understood BSA's position on this matter and to return his membership fee. Shortly thereafter he stated that he had been told, at the committee meeting that he was told if he were to reapply in a year or two that he could come back into the program. I asked him who had told him this and he replied, "the president". We assumed that this referred to the leadership of the troop committee.

At this point, I stated that the individual who said that did not have the authority to make such a statement as membership is granted by the national BSA organization.

I then read the letter from Mr. Kumbera. Following this I reemphasized that Mr. Kumbera was the individual that he would need to address his appeal to, if he desired to do so. I indicated that the address on the letterhead was the one to use in mailing that request. Mr. Blow showed no apparent interest in filing an appeal.

I then handed him the check which he said belonged to the troop as they had paid his registration. I stated that my instructions were to give the check to him. To which he replied that the money was not his. Finally he suggested that he endorse the check thereby acknowledging receipt and that I then have the check deposited into Troop 602's account. Mr. Barr and I determined that this presented the most viable and expeditious alternative and therefore agreed. Mr. Blow then endorsed the check and returned it to me.

I then asked Mr. Blow if he had any questions. Rather than answering the question, he began a discussion of how people failed to give credit to someone who has paid his debt to society. He mentioned a time span of eight years without referring to himself. He then mentioned his lawyer, pending actions, discrimination cases, etc. He did state that he was "not after the Boy Scouts" but rather another unnamed individual.

Following this we thanked him for his time and parted cordially. Mr. Blow retained the letter and we retained the signed check as evidence of his receipt thereof.

Mr. Blow remained cordial throughout our meeting.

*Check #15436 received same amount
returned money by 2:15 PM*

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At no time during this meeting did we mention any specific accusations or charges. The issue was dealt with generically throughout our visit.

Witnessed by:

John Barr
Executive Board Member

Michael E. McCormic
Senior District Executive



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

COUNCIL

No. ~~_____~~ Date 6-23-89

REFER TO YOUR TRANSMITTAL REPORT NO. _____

CREDIT NOTICE DEBIT NOTICE

REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION
AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

REGISTRATION Unit No. S0607 term 12 months

- Unit charter fee of \$20. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- 1 Leaders (_____ prepaid) @ \$ _____ each. Received \$ 5.00 required \$ 0
(_____ transfer)
- _____ Members (_____ transfer) @ \$ _____ each. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- _____ Members _____ Leaders listed on transmittal form _____ on application
- Transfers must pay \$.50 each. Expiration given _____ We have _____
- Not on transmittal report Duplicate entry No application received.
- Correction made per your letter/telephone call _____
- No reply to our defective registration notice dated _____
- Returning _____ Dep't Under Age Over Age

BOYS' LIFE Term _____ months

- Paid for _____ subscriptions: listed _____ subscriptions. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- Incorrect fees: _____ subscriptions. Back issues are not available.
- Please check attached copy. Pay debit—Use credit or return with copy of the roster showing corrections needed.

Harvey Blow deleted from registration file

Please add or subtract the amount(s) indicated on your next transmittal in the proper column(s) and return the original.

BILLING	Unit Charter Fee	\$ _____	Explorer	\$ _____
	Tiger Cub	\$ _____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$ _____
	Cub Scout	\$ _____	Leader	\$ _____
	Boy Scout	\$ _____	Boys' Life	\$ _____
	Varsity Scout	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____

CREDITING	Unit Charter Fee	\$ _____	Explorer	\$ _____
	Tiger Cub	\$ _____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$ _____
	Cub Scout	\$ _____	Leader	\$ <u>5.00</u>
	Boy Scout	\$ _____	Boys' Life	\$ _____
	Varsity Scout	\$ _____	Total	\$ <u>5.00</u>

June 21, 1988

Robert J. Kumbera
Scout Executive
Green Mountain Council, No. 592

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Harvey L. Blow

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, concerning the above named individual. The editorial was also most interesting.

I am enclosing a confidential record sheet which I would like to have completed with as much information as you have available. I would also like to have a copy of a paper with Mr. Blow's signature if you have this. This would help us in the identification process.

I appreciate your continued work on getting some information concerning the court proceedings. This would then strength our files and enable us to refuse registration any where in the country.

Please delete Mr. Blow from your computer if you have not already done so. This would then delete him from the national records.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE

JUN 20 1988

ERIN O'RILEY

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Green Mountain Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC. 592

P.O. Box 557, Route 2
Waterbury, Vermont 05676



June 14, 1988

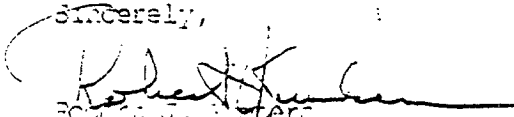
Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Services
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

This came over my desk this morning. We have removed Harvey Blow from our records. We will try to find out the court dates, etc. as soon as we can.

The copy of the editorial I spoke to you about is enclosed.

Sincerely,

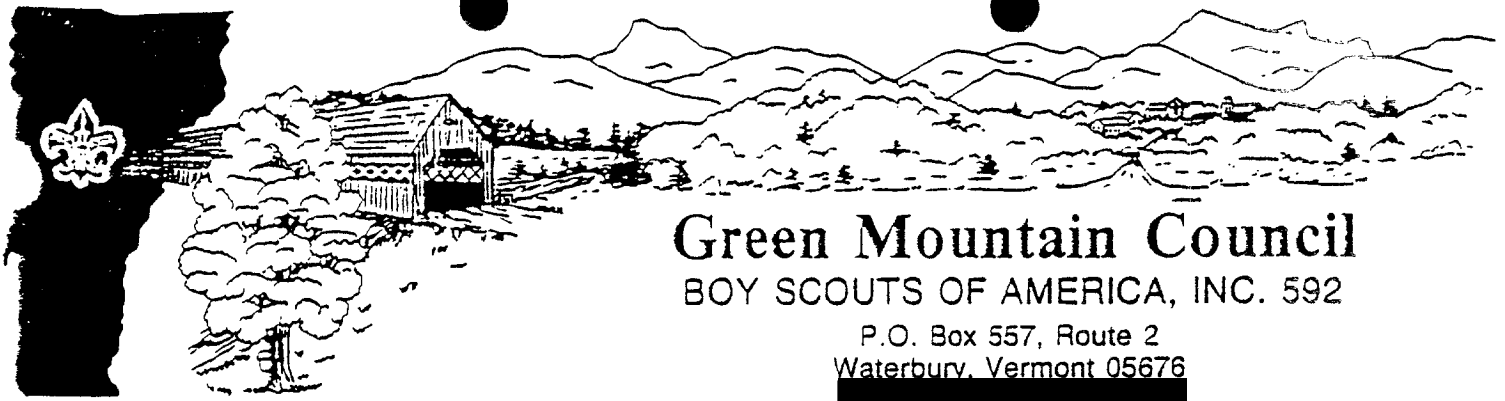

Robert J. Masters
Scout Executive

RJM/als

Encl:



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June 14, 1983

Mr. Harvey Blow

Shelburne, Vt. 05482

Dear Mr. Blow:

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. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA 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 which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Kumbera
Scout Executive

RJK/mic

Encl:

June 8, 1938



J. A. Schnidel

J. A. Schnidel
Chairman
Shelburne Committee Troop

By the way, I think the Y should have been more open to the public about this. I think they should have been more forthcoming. I think they should have been more honest. I think they should have been more transparent. I think they should have been more forthcoming. I think they should have been more honest. I think they should have been more transparent.

The Burlington Free Press

Opinion

16A — The Burlington (Vt.) Free Press, Friday, May 20, 1988 . . .

Facing up to abuse

There's a sad but urgent lesson for parents in the alleged case of sexual abuse at Camp Abnaki last summer. No institution, however responsible, can absolutely guarantee the safety of children in its care.

But what's a parent to do? Parents know they can't cloister their children forever within the family walls for safety's sake.

The answer's an uncomfortable one. Parents have a hard enough time accepting the reality of child sexual abuse themselves, let alone talking to their kids about it. The truth is that the safest child is the child with knowledge — the child whose parents have taught her the difference between good touching and bad touching, the child whose parents have empowered him to say "no" to an intrusive adult.

That being said, it's also true that child care institutions carry a heavy responsibility to protect their charges. And, when something goes wrong, they owe parents the fullest, most open explanation of what happened.

Camp Abnaki and its parent, the YMCA, deserve a measure of criticism on both counts, but particularly for their reflexive defense when abuse allegations became public last week. In its first public response, the Y seemed more concerned about bad publicity than with providing parents complete information.

Abnaki officials had no knowledge last summer of the alleged sexual abuse of an eight-year-old camper by archery instructor Thomas Cook; the child didn't complain until this winter. But, the Y acknowledged to police, two other campers did complain about Cook while camp was in session.

Grand Isle State's Attorney Christopher Micchiche filed a criminal charge against Cook and made the facts public. He also fired a blast at the Y for failing to report the allegations to authorities.

The Y curled up like an armadillo, armor outward. Its statements were long on generalities about concern for children and the Y's stellar reputation; the statements were short — in some cases devoid — of detail about how the Y had handled the summer incident.

The public was left to speculate that the Y had lightly dismissed the two campers' accusations and culpably allowed Cook to continue working with children.

Executive Director Dave Johnson belatedly offers a fuller explanation that indicated the Y tried hard to carry out its responsibilities: the boys' accusations were vague and hesitant; they were made just six days before camp ended; camp officials investigated thoroughly, interviewing campers, counselors, other staff and Cook himself.

The probe found no scrap of evidence of abuse, Johnson says, so the matter wasn't referred to authorities. Instead, Cook was allowed to continue teaching archery for the few remaining days, under increased supervision. From Johnson's account, the decision didn't expose any child to risk.

Nevertheless, parents probably would feel better if Abnaki had erred on the side of suspending the archery instructor — a lesson Johnson says the YMCA has learned. "In the future, we'll err on the side of protecting children," Johnson said.

Parents avoid talking to children about sexual abuse for fear of destroying their trustful openness to the world. The YMCA avoided openness last week out of the same instinct — fear of destroying trust.

For both, the lesson is that confronting sexual abuse frankly and openly can preserve trust, and the security of both children and parents.

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