

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 525 Date April 20, 1989

Full Name Herman Suggs, Sr. Social Security Number Unknown
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED] Phila., Pa. 19140: [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa. 19132

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth 4/33 (This is important and should be exact.)

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

Religion Baptist Nationality American

Occupation _____

Education High School?

Weight Approx. 160 lbs Height 5'3" Race Afro-American

Color of hair Mixed Gray Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Usually wears glasses

Married or single Separated Children 8 children: [REDACTED]
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections: Chartered organization Thankful Baptist Church

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
T 299	Phila.	Pa.	SM	1973	
T 572	Phila.	Pa.	SM	1959	

Special recognition Silver Beaver 1983; District Award of Merit

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: An accusation of child abuse and child molestation. An investigation by the Department of Human Services is in progress.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTED

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Philadelphia #525

MAY 22 1989

JOSEPH L ANGLIM

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May 26, 1989

Mr. Richard B. Marion
Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HERMAN SUGGS, SR.

Dear Dick:

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

READY TO FILE
MAY 24 1989
ERIN O'RILEY

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READY FOR FILE
APR 11 1989
A. GRAVES

April 11, 1989

Mr. Richard B. Marion
Scout Executive
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HERMAN SUGGS

Dear Dick:

Thanks so much for all the material on Herman Suggs. This will give us adequate documentation for placing him on the confidential file and refusing registration in the future.

We have issued a Credit notice which has been placed in your file and will be returned as we clean the file of Credits and Debits. This was a credit for \$7.00.

The only thing we are missing is a confidential record sheet. We are enclosing a form which we would like to have completed to the best of your ability, so that we may identify Mr. Suggs anywhere he might attempt registration. Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region



April 3, 1989

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

On March 17, 1989, we found it necessary to suspend Mr. Herman Suggs as a member of the Boy Scouts of America because of allegations regarding Mr. Suggs which we were required to report to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, specifically, to Berks County Children and Youth Agency.

Senior District Executive Ray Braun brought to my attention an allegation of sexual abuse to [REDACTED] former Scout in Mr. Suggs's Boy Scout Troop 299, sponsored by Thankful Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Attached you will find a copy of the letter signed by Council Vice President, Frederick A. Welsh, suspending Mr. Suggs's membership, copy of official notification to Berks County Children and Youth Agency, including attachments, and a copy of a letter from Mr. Suggs directed to John Hunt, our Director of Field Service, which we received on March 22, 1989, wherein Mr. Suggs refused our refund of his registration fee.

It is my understanding that the Berks County agency has turned over the investigation to the Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

We will advise you if there is any change in Mr. Suggs's suspension.

If you have any questions, kindly give us a call.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Marion
Scout Executive

RBM:RMM
Enclosures

CC: Mr. John C. Hirschi



HERMAN SUGGS

PHILA, 19132PA

DEAR MR. WELSH:

I HERMAN SUGGS, DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MY REGISTRATION IS BEING REFUNDED. I AS A SCOUTMASTER FOR 30 YEARS. ~~SUSPENDED~~.

HERMAN SUGGS SR. DO NOT USED DRUGS OR TAKE NOTHING, BUT FROM THE DOCTOR. OVER THESE 30 YRS. I HAVE EARN IN 1963 MERITORIOUS SERVICE, SCOUTER TRAINING 1964 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 1973 CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AMERICAN LEGION POST #968 SCOUTER KEY 1965. AND A CENTURY MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA I AM ALSO THE FATHER OF 7 CHILDRENS 4 GRAND. PLEASE READ THE BOOK OF PSALMS 27 THAT WILL TELL YOU THE TRUTH. SOME ONE IS LIEING ON ME I AM SENDING BACK THE CHECK. REMEMBER READ PSALMS 27.

Herman Suggs Sr

PHILA, 19132PA



March 17, 1989

Mr. Herman Suggs

Philadelphia, Pa. 19132

Dear Mr. Suggs:

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 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 measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted or reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Welsh
Vice President

FAW:RMM

Enclosures



APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW
OF DECISION DENYING REGISTRATION

1. If registration is refused, the applicant may request a review of this decision. This request must be in the form of a written request from the individual which includes his or her version of the facts supporting the claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of the written request for review, the President of the local Council shall appoint a committee to review the situation.
3. The appointed committee should review the facts as presented, and, in addition, may interview any persons whose testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. A confidential report will be given to the applicant setting forth the decision of the committee.
5. The applicant may -- if he or she does not agree with the decision -- request a review from the Regional Director by submitting a written request for such a review within 30 days of the receipt of the local Council decision.
6. If the Regional review does not satisfy the applicant, he or she may ask for further review by the National Council by submitting a written request for such a review within 30 days of the receipt of the Regional decision. The decision by the National Council is final.

3/17/89

RMM

BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL #525

YOUR INVOICE NO	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNT TAKEN	NET CHECK AMOUNT
REC	3/17/89	7.00	7.00		7.00

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL #525
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
 22ND & WINTER STREETS
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-1085

FIRST PENNSYLVANIA BANK N.A.
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19101
 3 2/310

007351

DATE	CHECK NO.
3/17/89	7351

CHECK AMOUNT
7.00

SEVEN AND ----- 00 DOLLARS

100

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

HERMAN SUGGS
 F299

Richard B. Warner

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March 17, 1989

Berks County Children and Youth Agency
CPS Unit
Court House, 12th Floor
Reading, Pa. 19601

ATTENTION: Ms. Betty Sands

Dear Ms. Sands:

At 2 P. M. today, March 17, 1989, it was brought to my attention by Mr. Raymond Braun that he learned of an allegation of sexual abuse to [REDACTED], at the time, was a member of Boy Scout Troop 299, sponsored by the Thankful Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. The allegation of abuse was brought to Mr. Braun's attention by [REDACTED]. The person accused is Mr. Herman Suggs.

Attached you will find Mr. Braun's report to me outlining the allegations as we know them. I have reported this, as of 3:30 P. M. today, Friday, March 17, to Mr. Chuck Whitesell in Harrisburg, Pa.

If I can be of additional assistance or can help you in any way, please contact me. If I am not available, Mr. John Hunt, Director of Field Service, Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America, or Mr. Raymond Braun, District Executive, Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America, can be reached at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Richard B. Marion
Scout Executive

RBM:RMM

Enclosure

BCC: H. L. Yoh, Jr.
General Frederick A. Welsh
Kenneth L. Oliver, Jr., Esq.



March 16, 1989

Earlier this week I received a phone call from Gayle McElven - Den Leader for Pack 299. She informed me that she met a young man who left Troop 299 because he saw Mr. Suggs (the Scoutmaster) try to molest another Scout on a trip. I asked her for the boy's name and details. She told me that she would find them and get back to me.

On Thursday, March 16, 1989, she called and gave me the information that she had. She told me that she was riding with [REDACTED] (a member of her church Gospel Choir) past Thankful Baptist Church. She pointed out to him that this is where her Cub Pack meets. He then told her that he used to go to Thankful for Boy Scouts with Mr. Suggs. Ms. McElven asked why he stopped going to Scouts. His answer was that about four (4) years ago on a trip to New York city. Mr. Suggs tried to molest one of the Scouts. Gayle asked him if he was for real. His answer was yes, that is why he stopped going. Gayle asked if he told anyone. He said that he told Rev. Trapp, the Pastor, but nothing happened.

4:45 p.m.

I called and asked for [REDACTED]. A lady who answered, identified herself as his grandmother ([REDACTED]), said he was not home. I told her that I was calling about a problem that [REDACTED] had in Scouting. She told me that she was aware of the problem. She said that [REDACTED] and another Scout (she did not know his name) came home crying from the camping trip. She told me that [REDACTED] said he was approached by Mr. Suggs. She reported this to Rev. Trapp (then the Pastor, since has passed away). She received no response from Rev. Trapp, so she stopped [REDACTED] from going to Scouts. She told me that he is now 15 years old and that he was about 11 years old at the time of the trip. I told her that I would call back later to talk to [REDACTED].

5:30 p.m.

Not Home

6:25 p.m.

Not Home

7:00 p.m.

I talked to [REDACTED] and told him how I was and that I was calling about a problem he has in Scouting. I asked him if he would tell me about the problem and he agreed. He told me that this was his first trip with Troop 299 and that he was about 11 years old. He did not remember the date. He joined Scouting about one or two months before.

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Their camping trip was to a Camp Trovolter (he thinks owned by Thankful Baptist). After dinner and later that evening the Scouts were playing around with flashlights. Mr. Suggs got mad and told them to go to bed. [REDACTED] noticed that Mr. Suggs moved his ([REDACTED]) sleeping bag away from his friends and next to his (Mr. Sugg's). After [REDACTED] went to bed he felt Mr. Sugg's hand feeling him. [REDACTED] said he was afraid to make any noise. He finally got up and moved his sleeping bag away from Mr. Suggs. The next morning, Mr. Suggs called a meeting of all the Scouts. He talked to the boys about homosexual activities and told them that nothing happened the night before. He continued to say that if anyone says anything he would deny it. He went on to tell me that another boy, [REDACTED], was also involved at another time, but would not tell anyone about it. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he stayed at Mr. Suggs house, and that Mr. Suggs touched him at that time. [REDACTED] went on to tell me that Mr. Herman turned the other Scouts against him. He came home adn told his grandmother and they told Rev. Trapp with no outcome. He went on to tell me that he still had his Scout uniform and that he would still like to be a Scout.

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, PA 19132
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
3-17-89

RANK—CHECK ONE

- (N) Boy Scout
- (T) Tenderfoot
- (2) Second Class
- (1) First Class
- (S) Star
- (L) Life
- (E) Eagle

LOCAL TROOP NUMBER

17299

LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME AND INITIAL... PRESS HARD. YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES

BOY'S NAME—FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

[Redacted Name Fields]

STREET OR R.F.D.

[Redacted Address Fields]

DATE OF BIRTH

2 11 74
MONTH DAY YEAR

BOYS' LIFE

6

CHECK ONE

- NEW BOY SCOUT
- FORMER BOY SCOUT
- FORMER WEBELOS SCOUT

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if needed)

[Redacted Address Fields]

CITY

STATE

GRADE COMPLETED

ZIP CODE

PHILADELPHIA PA 191-92

PARENT OR GUARDIAN APPROVAL

[Redacted Signature]

SIGNATURE

PARENT'S NAME

HOUSEWIFE
OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

[Redacted Home Telephone Number]

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER

4/28/86
DATE

PREVIOUS SCOUTING SERVICE

FOR SCOUTMASTER'S USE

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

MONTH YEAR

SCOUTMASTER'S SIGNATURE

2.50 3.50 10 2 28 87 [Signature]

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE:

TRANSFER FROM

[Redacted Transfer Fields]

COUNCIL

NAT'L UNIT NO.

MEMBER ID NO.

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

COUNCIL 525

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RENEWAL

UNIT NO. 0299 STATUS R TERM (MONTHS) 12 RENEWAL DATE 2/87

CITY PHILADELPHIA

STATE PA

QUALITY AWARD EARNED 110
REREGISTERING ON TIME YES
TRAINED FOR YES

TRAPP

NE AVE

PHILADELPHIA PA 19119

BOYS LIFE: TERM BEGINS 05/86 ENDS 02/87

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

16 19 86
\$ 0
\$ 6.00
\$ 30.00
\$ 0
\$ 0
\$ 87.60
\$ 87.60

PD YOUTH

MULTIPLE YOUTH

PD YOUTH B/L SUBS

PD ADULTS

MULTIPLE ADULTS

PD ADULT B/L SUBS

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED

LISTING

CITY STATE ZIP BIRTH DATE SEX PHONE

PHILADELPHIA PA 19119 00/00

PHILADELPHIA PA 19132 00/00

PHILADELPHIA PA 19144 00/00

PHILADELPHIA PA 19144 00/00

PHILADELPHIA PA 19132 64/58

PHILADELPHIA PA 19132 00/00

PHILADELPHIA PA 19132 00/00

RUN DATE: 11/18/87
RUN TIME: 07:17:45

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CHARTER RENEWAL

PHILADELPHIA

PA

DISTRICT NAME & NUMBER SUB-DIST NAME & NUMBER COUNTY LOCAL UNIT NO. STATUS TERM (MONTHS) RENEWAL DATE
UNITY 09 TRADITIONAL 1 PHILADELPHIA 299 R 12 2/28/89

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS CODE INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE COUNCIL CERTIFICATION:
THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH 175 ~~NEW YORK TRAPP~~
Russell Stahl

NAT UNIT AWARD EARNED YES

REREGISTERING ON TIME YES

TOP LEADER TRAINED? YES

100% BOYS LIFE? ---

PHILADELPHIA PA 19140 PHILADELPHIA PA 19119

MEETING PLACE AND DAY BOYS' LIFE: TERM BEGINS ENDS
D MON 12 5/88 4/89

SIGNATURES:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION QTY FEE

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE *Russell Stahl*

UNIT CHARTER FEE 19 \$ 20.00

PD YOUTH 19.00 \$ 77.60

MULTIPLE YOUTH XXXXXXXX

PD YOUTH B/L SUBS 2 \$ 13.20

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *WJH*

PD ADULTS 8 \$ 40.00

MULTIPLE ADULTS 1 XXXXXXXX

PD ADULT B/L SUBS 0 \$ 0

Wm Simpson CC *Wm Simpson*

MC *Fred Coakley* MC *James R. Griesby*

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED 147.20

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION *Herman Suggs Sr.*

~~147.20~~

444 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE TROOP ON BASIC BUDGET PLAN? YES HANDICAPPED N

ADULT MEMBER LISTING

LDR NO	POS	BL	ST	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & STATE	ZIP	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	PHONE
003501	MC R	FRED	CORLEY			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19119	0/ /00	M H	-
003502	MC R	LACEY	JENNINGS			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19132	0/ /00	M H	-
003499	SC R	WILLIAM	SIMPKINS			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19140	0/ /00	M H	-
003500	CC R	WILLIAM	SIMPKINS			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19140	0/ /00	M H	-
003505	SA R	FABIAN	SUGGS			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19132	8/21/58	M H	-
003504	Y SM R	HERMAN	SUGGS			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19132	0/ /00	M H	-
3	MC R	EZEKIEL	WILLIS			PHILADELPHIA	PA 19140	0/ /00	M H	-

~~SA. EUGENE WASHINGTON~~

~~MC. JAMES R. GRIESBY~~

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 529

PHONE NO: _____

On-Line _____ Batch _____

CALLER: JOHN HIRSCHI

POSITION: AREA DIR.

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

DEBIT _____

CREDIT _____

PROGRAM CODE

& UNIT #

RENEWAL DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

ID #

FILM #

HERMAN J JOCKS

50299 # 003504

LET OF SUSPENSION DEC 3-17-89

STATE INVESTIGATING

CR SHEET TO CORP

SOLUTION:

*Added to CF file
Retired from NY
3/2/89
CW*

NAME P. Hunt

DATE 3-27-89

TIME _____



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

COUNCIL

No. 525 Date 4-7-89

REFER TO YOUR TRANSMITTAL REPORT NO. _____

CREDIT NOTICE

DEBIT NOTICE

REGISTRATION SERVICE

REGISTRATION Unit No. 50299 term _____ months

- Unit charter fee of \$20. Received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- _____ Leaders (_____ prepaid) @ \$ _____ each. Received \$ 7.00 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 _____ 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.

Herman Surps

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>7.00</u>	
Boy Scout	\$ _____	Boys' Life	\$ _____	
Varsity Scout	\$ _____	Total	\$ <u>7.00</u>	