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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 7-20-72

FULL NAME JAMES H. BROWN
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 20-A GEORGE CT. KENS MOBILE HOME P.

CITY LAKELAND STATE FLA. ZIP CODE 33801

AGE Birth date - 3/9/48
24 years old (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY American Citizen

OCCUPATION Student - enrolled at U. of South Fla.

EDUCATION Completed two years College

WEIGHT 170 COLOR white HEIGHT 5'9"

COLOR OF HAIR brown COLOR OF EYES blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Scouting

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

WIFE'S NAME N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT # 2 CITY Lakeland Fla STATE FLA OFFICE ASM DATE REGISTERED ? DATE RESIGNED ?

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 4 yrs on Summer Camp Staff - Woodbadge - Eagle Scout, God & Country

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

physical abuse bordering on sadism
refer. to letter of July 6, 1972

Signed Ken Heywood
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council NE. Fla - 101

APPLICATION FOR POSITION IN SCOUT CAMP

Attach recent photo:

Name James H. Brown Social Security No. [REDACTED]

Address 20-A George Ct. Kells Mobile Home P Telephone No. 313-682-6290

Lakeland, Fla. 37801
Height 5' 9" Weight 170lb. Birthdate 30/9/48 Are you currently registered

with the Boy Scouts of America Yes If so, where Gulf Ridge Council

Highest educational institution attended: At present High School. I am a Junior at the University of South Florida.

Check position desired:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trading Post Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Quartermaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Instructor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Hall Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Hall Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist-conservationist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Scoutcraft Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol cooking advisor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatics Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Trading Post Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Field sports Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scoutcraft Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicraft Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Field sports instructor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rang Officer (rifle) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C.I.T. | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Are you a member of the American Camping Association Yes

Have you attended a B.S.A. National Camping School in the last 5 years Yes

If so, When 1968 Where Goshen Scout Camp type of certificate obtained

Aquatics A.R.C. Water Safety Instructor's Certificate Yes

Date 1968 Other aquatic training Scuba Training in the Army

Give a detailed account of your experience and education which will be of value in the position you seek. (Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

I just completed three years with the U. S. Army Special Forces. I obtained the rank of Sgt. E-5. I believe this will be of great help to me in my leadership abilities. This past summer I attended the outdoor phase of the Wood Badge Course and at present am awaiting the results of questions. I am an Eagle Scout and also hold the God and Country Award.

Detail your Scouting experience: I have spent 4 years on summer camp staffs. I have been to Phillmott Scout res. I also attended the 1964 National Jam held in Valley Forge.

Salary required for camping season in addition to board and room: \$100.00 per week

Will be available for employment (give exact dates) from June to August

List last three previous employers and positions, OR Three references

Give name, address, city, zip, and phone number.

- Mr. James Peeler 2513 Leonard St. Raleigh, N.C. 27607
- Mr. Paul Merritt 3724 Vesta Rd. Raleigh, N.C. 27603
- Mr. Val Brock 925 Greenwich St. Raleigh, N.C. 27610

I have interviewed the applicant and approve his application: Date _____

_____ Position hired: _____

Camp Director BLUE - EYES Date contract received: _____
BROWN HAIR

(Handwritten signature)

November 9, 1972

Mr. Richard C. Ray
Scout Executive
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James H. Brown

Dear Dick:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am writing to you concerning James Brown. We would not be willing to register this man, at the present time, in any position.

Mr. Brown was placed on the file in the summer of 1972 because of actions which occurred in the Northeast Georgia Council. You might wish to contact that council, if you desire more information concerning the matter.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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INTRAORGANIZATION COMPLAINT

July 13, 1972

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood
Scout Executive
Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

Personal and Confidential
Re: James H. Brown

Dear Mr. Hegwood:

Thank you for your letter of July 6 concerning James H. Brown, Waterfront Staff Director. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in obtaining it for us, however, we would appreciate your filling out the enclosed confidential record sheet and returning it to us as soon as possible. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the future, should he ever again try to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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enc. record sheet

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July 6, 1972

Northeast Georgia Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
P. O. Box 1387
Athens, Georgia 30601

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration and Membership
National Council, B.S.A.
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Mr. Ernst:

I have just taken action on a most unfortunate circumstance that occurred recently at Camp Rainey Mountain, Scout Reservation of the Northeast Georgia Council.

A telephone call from the Camp Director alerted me to a most grievous act that had taken place between the Waterfront Staff Director and a counselor-in-training. After a personal investigation into the matter, the facts are listed below:

The ~~14~~¹⁵-year old C.I.T. (Counselor-In-Training) checked-in to camp on June 28, 1972, to begin two weeks of staff work on the waterfront. Upon arrival, he was taken to the private quarters of James H. Brown and told to strip for an initiation. James Brown set upon the Scout: striking him with his fist in the throat and neck, kneeling him in the groin, striking his buttocks with a paddle, and then hitting his vital organs with a small leather whip. The C.I.T. was literally picked off the ground by his breasts. Brown then told the C.I.T. to report to him on two other occasions. Out of fear, the Scout reported as ordered and was stripped again--on this occasion he told that he was to be checked for a hernia. The Scout was

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stripped, towels were placed under his buttocks and an electric massager was placed under his testicles. The C.I.T. was ordered to report again and asked if he would like to be cut in two places on his body. The Scout finally overcame his fear, and, in the presence of another member of the waterfront staff, asked Brown to leave him alone. His action was backed up by the staff member, who had no prior knowledge of what was going on. The Scout then called his parents, who came immediately to investigate.

Upon arrival at camp, the father confronted the Camp Director, who immediately called me. When I arrived at camp, the father and Scout met me and the story was recounted in detail. The details of the story were exactly as had been recounted to the Camp Director. The Scout indicated that bruises had been in evidence, but had disappeared after a few days. The father's first reaction was to swear out a complaint with local authorities and have Brown arrested. While waiting for me to arrive, he decided against this action because of the undue harm to the camp and to Scouting and decided to leave the action to me. The father was thanked for his understanding.

The Camp Director, Business Manager (both District Executives of our Council) and I then confronted Brown with the accusation. He did not deny any part of the afore-mentioned actions and was dismissed from camp immediately. I also recommended that he seek medical help and that he not plan any further participation in the Boy Scout program at anytime, anywhere.

One member of the camp staff had known Brown quite well and indicated that he had noted a radical change in Brown since his returning from Viet Nam in 1971. This staff member suspected homosexual tendencies, but had absolutely no proof.

James H. Brown has been extremely active in Scouting while at Fort Bragg, N.C. An Eagle Scout, he has conducted Jr. Leader Training for the Occaneechee Council in Raleigh, N.C. He came to us highly recommended and up to this point we considered him one of the top men on the summer camp staff.

We recommend that James H. Brown be placed on the confidential list of the Boy Scouts of America and not be registered in any capacity.

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Enclosed is a copy of Brown's personal information. I have added a note of description.

A copy of this information has been sent to Mr. Gaskin, the Southeast Regional Director.

If any additional information is needed, please do not fail to contact me.

Sincerely,

Northeast Georgia Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA


Ron Hegwood
Scout Executive

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