

Freitas, John III 77

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

APPENDIX B

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 4, 1977

FULL NAME JOHN J. FREITAS III  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY NORTH DARTMOUTH STATE MA ZIP CODE 02747

DATE OF BIRTH 9/21/53 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 23 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY Portuguese

OCCUPATION self-employed

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 5' 11 1/2" COLOR White HEIGHT 195

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS S/S No. [REDACTED]

MARRIED OR SINGLE Divorced CHILDREN Married while at Loring Air Force

[REDACTED] / Base, Me.  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
[REDACTED]	S. Dartmouth	Ma	SA	11/29/76	
[REDACTED]	New Bedford	Ma	Boy	1/31/69	1/31/71

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT
- OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW)
- SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS
- UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

NOTED  
SEP 11 1978  
[Signature]

Signed

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September 18, 1978

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Scout Executive  
Moby Dick Council, No.245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of August 17, concerning the disposition of the case of [REDACTED]. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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*Moby Dick Council*  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

39 Grove Street — New Bedford, Mass. 02740

Telephones 617-993-9978 — 617-678-2858

August 17, 1978

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration and Subscription Division  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Paul:

In a follow up to our conversation of today, this is to advise you that final disposition of the [REDACTED] case was made and he was found guilty of the raping of boys under 16 years of age and received a twelve year sentence. A copy of the newspaper clipping is attached. Should you need further information please feel free to contact me.

We have received notification of a suit by the attorney for [REDACTED] one of the Scouts involved in the incident. I am in the process of contacting our legal department and [REDACTED] relative to the insurance liability aspect. I will also be in contact with our Council President today and will advise the regional office as matters proceed.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Samuel H. MOISE  
Scout Executive

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Enclosure: News clipping

cc: [REDACTED] Council President

MEMBER OF UNITED WAYS OF GREATER FALL RIVER, GREATER NEW BEDFORD AND SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND



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## Scout leader is sentenced in rape case

A former Boy Scout leader in Dartmouth admitted in Superior Court yesterday to raping boys less than 16 years of age and was sentenced to 12 years. [REDACTED] of 530 Co. Road pleaded guilty to two charges of rape and five counts of indecent assault and battery on a child less than 14 years of age. Those charges were filed by Judge August C. Taveira. The 12-year sentence was imposed on each count of rape, to be served concurrently.

Taveira sentenced [REDACTED] to serve his time at Concord State Correctional Institution, but allowed the defendant to be taken to Bridgewater State Hospital where his attorney, Alvin Zvirbills, said Freitas would receive therapy.

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Taveira also warned that should the therapy prove to be "not the best arrangement," [REDACTED] would be transferred to the Concord institution.

The court was told by Owen Murphy, assistant district attorney, that the incidents occurred at scout camps late in 1976 and during the first few months of 1977.

s/r 7/28/78

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CALL FROM RON TITUS, S.E. 3-22-77

MOBY LICK ENCL.

ARRESTED - ON 3-22-77

15 CASES OF VIOLENCE (Boys)

GOING ON FOR 4 mo.

10 CASES OF 16 YR OF AGE

5 " OF UNDER 12

9 DIFFERENT BOYS

24 YRS OLD ASYM.  
SINGLE

MTG 3-22 WITH COMMITTEE

TV INTERVIEW

HOW DO WE SELECT LDRS-

## New com.

Commander Robert E. Eittle took his new ship, the Coast Guard cutter Vigilant, following the change of command ceremony yesterday. He replaces Commander Ian Cruickshank, who had been skipper since July 1976.

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## Amusement ride mishap still mystery

Why a New Bedford woman fell 25 feet from the Trabant ride at Lincoln Park Friday night remains a mystery, Dartmouth police reported today.

Karen Conceicao, 20, of 309 S. Second St., was listed in satisfactory condition at St. Luke's Hospital today. She was admitted with a broken leg, and neck and back injuries.

Sgt. Joseph Duarte said police were called to the amusement park shortly after 10:30 p.m. on a report of a woman falling from a ride.

Duarte said he could find nothing

mechanically wrong with the Trabant ride that would have caused the bar across the seat to fly open and the woman to fall.

Duarte said the woman and her sister-in-law, Cornella Best, 19, also of 309 S. Second St., New Bedford, were seated in the ride by the operator and the bar was locked in place.

The ride rotates and then rises and lowers, he said. At some point the bar fell away and the woman tumbled the 25 feet to the platform of the ride. Duarte said Mrs. Best was not injured in the ride.

"We just don't know what caused it. We couldn't find anything mechanically wrong. The operators did their job correctly and we're pretty sure neither woman would try to get out of the ride that high in the air," Duarte said.

## Scallops

The New Bedford Fishermen's Union held a scallop auction yesterday despite the fact dealers would not buy seafood.

Seafood Producers' Association general manager Octavio said yesterday there was no auction today because of the seafood workers' strike. The association represents

The Seafood Dealers' Association posted notice yesterday it would not be at the Pier 3 morning to buy the boats' plained Harvey Mickelson director of the dealers group had been notified by the Workers Union that no fish

NEW BEDFORD STANDARD TIMES

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DYKES\_I\_005482

November 4, 1977

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Scout Executive  
Moby Dick Council, No. 245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

We previously had correspondence with your predecessor [REDACTED] in regard to the above Scouter. We are again writing to check on the disposition of the case against this man. We would appreciate knowing what sentence this man received in order to complete this case.

Also, with the original correspondence [REDACTED] enclosed material related to the arrest of a [REDACTED]. At that time he informed us that the unit committee did not want to take any action prior to conviction. Please advise the status of this case.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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*To response  
in 42-1100  
letter*

*12/23/77  
2/8/77*

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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July 7, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Paul:

This letter will confirm, as per our conversation of July 6th, that [redacted] is presently at Bridgewater State Hospital. A hearing has been held and probable cause was found on several counts of rape. Bail has been set at \$10,000. The next step will be the trial in Superior Court at some future date. You also have material in your possession now which indicates the possibility of a potential law suit regarding this incident sometime later in this year. I will continue to keep you posted on all matters related to this case.

*original letter is filed*

In addition to the above I am also enclosing material related to the arrest of one [redacted] of Somersok, Mass., who is currently registered as a Scouting Coordinator for a Group of Citizens sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 10 in Somersok. As you will note he has been charged with assault and battery as well as being lewd and lascivious. His case has been continued until August 2nd.

*New Case  
Info Come*

I have discussed the [redacted] situation with [redacted] and [redacted] Institutional head, on three separate occasions since the incident and he in turn has reviewed the facts with the unit leader and members of the unit committee. As I mentioned to you by phone those involved with the unit do not want to take any action prior to conviction of the charges. They feel that [redacted] has had very little association with the unit and its membership in his role as Scouting Coordinator and they see no change between now and the expiration of the charter in November.

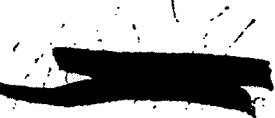


Mr. Paul Ernst (continued)

Since this person is removed from the program at present and to date no mention has been made of his association with Scouting, it is felt that we should simply allow the registration to continue until charter time and then not renew it. In the meantime, however, I shall keep you informed and forward to you any and all supporting data which may be placed in the confidential file thereby assuring that this person will no longer be able to register should he leave this immediate Council area.

If you feel other or additional action should be taken please advise.

Sincerely,  
BOB DYKES COUNCIL, INC.  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

  
Scout Executive

RPT/mkw

cc: , Associate  
Area Director

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# School Head Charged

SOMERSET, Mass. — The principal of Somerset's Village Elementary School was arrested in a rest area here early today after an undercover state trooper made a homosexual advance to an undercover Massachusetts state policeman, police said.

John J. Pavao, 43, of 3235 Riverside Ave., Somerset, was charged with being lewd and lascivious in demeanor, and with assault and battery, a felony, state police said. The offenses were reported about 11:30 a.m.

Two other men were arrested in police raids of a rest area on alleged homosexual activities in several rest

areas about 8:30 a.m. here. The arrests were made in an area of the eastbound lanes of the two-lane state highway about 1/2 mile from the intersection of the road with the highway and the case was continued until Aug. 1.

Charles V. Dowie, 28, of 16 Edison St., Warwick, was arrested at 1:50 p.m. and charged with being lewd and lascivious, police said.

Henry V. Dushate, 29, of 71 Seymour St., Warren, and Cesar E. Albe, 37, of Marion, Mass., were arrested at 2 a.m. and charged with performing unnatural acts, a felony, state police said.

*New case*

## Principal charged in homosexual case

SOMERSET — A Marion man and a principal of elementary school principal among four men arrested by state police in a rest area in Somerset today, police said. The four men were charged with morals violations as well as assault and battery on alleged homosexual activities in rest areas along Interstate 195.

John J. Pavao, 43, of 3235 Riverside Ave., Somerset, was arrested after police said he allegedly made a homosexual advance to an undercover state trooper. Pavao is the principal of Somerset's Village Elementary School. He was charged with assault and

battery, and being a lewd and lascivious person in speech and behavior. Charles V. Dowie, 28, of Warwick, R.I., and Henry V. Dushate, 29, of Warren, R.I., and Cesar E. Albe, 37, of Warwick, R.I., were arrested and charged with being lewd and lascivious in speech and

behavior. Dushate was charged with assault and battery. The cases in District Court were continued.

To \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Phone *617-993-9978*

Area Code      Number      Extension

TELEPHONED	PLEASE CALL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU	WILL CALL AGAIN
WANTS TO SEE YOU	URGENT
RETURNED YOUR CALL	

Message *Hi: John Freitas*

*(over)*

Operator \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED] SAID TO SPONSORING INSTITUTION  
AT TIME HE BECAME SCOUTMASTER THAT  
HE HAD BEEN REGISTERED WITH  
"WORLD BROTHERHOOD COUNCIL"  
ICELAND --

I CHECKED WITH DIRECT SERVICE & THEY  
SAID THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF HIS  
REGISTRATION -- PACK OR TROOP  
IN ICELAND DURING 1975 WHEN HE  
CLAIMED HE WAS REGISTERED....

POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN REGISTERED IN  
CANADA....

*or might Transatlantic Co.*

((IF MR. [REDACTED] IS NOT IN -- OK TO  
TALK TO HIS SECRETARY.))

*A.*

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DYKES\_I\_005488

June 24, 1977

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Scout Executive  
Moby Dick Council, No. 245

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I really appreciate the very careful and complete effort which you have made in getting information concerning the case of [REDACTED]. This information will certainly be very valuable in our file and will enable us to refuse registration of the individual.

We have now reviewed the case with our attorney and he asked me to try to get a little more information, if we could. The question that is now raised is whether or not any final court action has been held and whether M. [REDACTED] has been sentenced. We need this information and certainly this will strengthen our case by knowing the final disposition of the charges against Mr. [REDACTED].

We hope you will give us this information as soon as you have it, so that I can complete my file and get final approval from our attorney in order to place this case on our file.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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July 7, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey

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In addition to the above I am also enclosing material related to the arrest of one [redacted] of Somerset, Mass., who is currently registered as a Scouting Coordinator for a Group of Citizens sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 10 in Somerset. As you will note he has been charged with assault and battery as well as being lewd and lascivious. His case has been continued until August 2nd.

I have discussed the [redacted] situation with Mr. [redacted] Institutional head, on three separate occasions since the incident and he in turn has reviewed the facts with the unit leader and members of the unit committee. As I mentioned to you by phone those involved with the unit do not want to take any action prior to conviction of the charges. They feel that [redacted] has had very little association with the unit and its membership in his role as Scouting Coordinator and they see no change between now and the expiration of the charter in November.

*New Council  
Administrative  
Responsible  
Holding info  
more info  
from [redacted]  
7/11*

MEMBER OF UNITED WAYS OF GREATER FALL RIVER, GREATER NEW BEDFORD AND SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND



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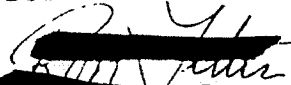
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Mr. Paul Ernst (continued)


Since this person is removed from the program at present and to date no mention has been made of his association with Scouting, it is felt that we should simply allow the registration to continue until charter time and then not renew it. In the meantime, however, I shall keep you informed and forward to you any and all supporting data which may be placed in the confidential file thereby assuring that this person will no longer be able to register should he leave this immediate Council area.

If you feel other or additional action should be taken please advise.

Sincerely,  
MOBY DICK COUNCIL, INC.  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted] us  
Scout Executive

RPT/mkw

cc: , Associate  
Area Director

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Moby Dick Council  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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May 6, 1977

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration and Subscription Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Paul:

This letter will confirm the receipt of yours of April 29th in reference to the personal and confidential matter concerning [redacted]. Enclosed you will find a completed confidential record sheet which is being submitted at your request so that we will have sufficient data on file to identify Mr. [redacted] should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program. In addition, I would like to bring you up to date on the latest happenings as they relate to this case.

If you will recall [redacted] was sent to Bridgewater State Hospital for a 20 day period of observation. This period was extended to April 29th following which time a court date was set here in New Bedford. On May 4, 1977 Mr. [redacted] was brought to court and an attempt was made to find probable cause of his being guilty. Seven youngsters were called to testify and probable cause was found on 9 counts of rape and 4 counts of indecent assault and battery. Two additional counts of rape were denied but in conversation with the detective from the Dartmouth Police Department involved with the case, he was informed that this was due to some confusion on the part of the judge and that the detective will later file for a direct indictment on these two counts.

It is my understanding that each conviction of a count of rape carries a maximum life sentence. In any event the next step calls for Mr. [redacted] appearing before a grand jury at the Superior court level. What is startling, however, and you will note from the enclosed news clipping, is that the judge has enabled bail to be set at \$10,000. I personally find this hard to accept.

Please let me know if additional information is needed at this time.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature and redacted name]

[redacted] us, Scout Executive

RPT/mkw

MEMBER OF UNITED WAYS OF GREATER FALL RIVER, GREATER NEW BEDFORD AND SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND



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5/5/77

BOSTON GLOBE

# NEW ENGLAND NEWS IN BRIEF

## \$10,000 bail set on area Scout leader

Charges of rape brought against a North Dartmouth Boy Scout leader were referred to the June session of Superior Court yesterday after a 3rd District Court hearing.

Bail of \$10,000 was placed on [redacted], 23, of 530 Chase Road. [redacted] faces 10 counts of rape of a child less than 16 years old. He also is charged with five counts of indecent assault and battery on a child less than 14 years of age.

At [redacted] request, Judge Chris Byron yesterday cleared everyone from the courtroom except for court personnel and those directly involved with the case.

Court officials said the parents of the defendant were in the courtroom. Also seen in the courtroom were seven boys of Scout age.

Atty. Alan Zwirblis, public defender, represented Freitas. The prosecution was handled by Harry Bello of the district attorney's office.

[redacted] was arrested last March after what Dartmouth police said was a month-long investigation. According to police, the offenses took place over a four-month period during weekend camping trips.

The defendant was brought to the court from Bridgewater State Hospital where he underwent 30 days of examination following his arrest. He was returned there after the hearing, court personnel said.

California Supreme Court upholding Allan Bakke's claim that he was twice denied entrance to U.C.'s medical school because he was white and ineligible for one of 16 spaces reserved for minority applicants.

## Maine shuns nuclear waste

Maine's Deputy Atty. Gen. Donald Alexander ruled that the state may not be used as a storage area for nuclear wastes under a law dealing with solid wastes passed in the late 1960s. He issued the opinion shortly before a public hearing on two bills seeking to prohibit such storage. Both bills were prompted by reports that Maine was one of the states under consideration for nuclear waste storage because of unique geological features.

## Scout leader rape case

[redacted] a former assistant Scout leader accused of raping 10 boys while on weekend camping trips, was bound over to Superior Court for its June sitting after an all-day hearing yesterday in New

Bedford District Court. [redacted] North Dartmouth, was arrested March 21 and charged with the ten rapes and with five counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14. The night of his arrest [redacted] who was discharged from the Air Force last August, tried to hang himself in the New Bedford police lockup. He is now being held on \$10,000 bail at the Bridgewater state hospital.

## Portland prostitution problem

Portland Mayor Matthew I. Barron pledged yesterday to crack down on prostitution in Maine's largest city, claiming that streetwalkers have become more prevalent since police launched a campaign against them in Boston's Combat Zone following the stabbing death of a Harvard student. Barron also demanded an apology from State Sen. Ralph M. Lovell (R-Sanford) who, on Tuesday, voted against a bill making solicitation of a prostitute a crime equal to prostitution, claiming the measure would hurt Portland's convention business.

5/5/77 STANDARD TIMES

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DYKES\_I\_005493

April 29, 1977

Mr. [REDACTED] P. Freitas  
Scout Executive  
Moby Dick Council, No.245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the detailed report you sent us concerning the above Scouter. This is exactly the type of information required to support our placing this man on the Confidential File.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This will then enable us to identify Mr. Freitas should he again attempt to register in the Scouting program. We would also appreciate your letting us know the final disposition of this case.

Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Encl.

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Memo...

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Ron Titus

TO

3/29/77

~~Paul~~

The extra copies are for Dave Pack (Legal) and ~~Paul~~ ~~DePina~~ (Public Relations) if you wish to share this confidential information.

Regards,

~~Paul~~



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THANK S.E. FOR  
GOOD REPORT FOR  
FURNISHING  
COURTESY OF CAPS

MOBY DICK COUNCIL  
Boy Scouts Of America  
39 Grove Street  
New Bedford, Mass. 02740

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Memo...

FROM

TO

[REDACTED]

WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The enclosed information is meant to be a preliminary report concerning the recent arrest and incarceration of Assistant Scoutmaster [REDACTED] III.

Further data will be provided as it becomes available.

[REDACTED]

Scout Executive  
Moby Dick Council



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Boy Scouts Of America  
39 Grove Street  
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MOBY DICK COUNCIL, INC.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1977

This incident is related to one [REDACTED], age 24, 530 Chase Road, North Dartmouth, Mass., who is registered as assistant Scoutmaster of Troop [REDACTED] sponsored by the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth.

The first account of the problem was the 6 o'clock evening news on WTEV-6, New Bedford, citing that the above mentioned Scouter had been arrested by the Dartmouth police and was being held at the New Bedford Police station being charged with 10 counts of rape of children under 16 and 5 counts of indecent assault on children under 14. From subsequent news releases we were led to believe that there are 9 youngsters involved over a period of time which may extend up to 4 months.

Sgt. Herbert Tondreau, Rape Squad of the Dartmouth Police Dept. has been in charge of the situation but to date we have been unable to communicate with him. Upon learning of [REDACTED] detention at the New Bedford Police station, I went (accompanied by the District Scout Executive for that district) to the station to see if I could speak to [REDACTED]. I was informed that since the arrest had been made by the Dartmouth Police they would have to give us this permission. We then went to the Town of Dartmouth where we discussed the situation with a Sgt. Medeiros. He informed us of a report from New Bedford that [REDACTED] had just attempted suicide by hanging in his cell. He was not successful. However, under the circumstances, no further attempt to communicate with him that evening was made.

Also on that evening, the 21st, the following people were notified:

Council President, [REDACTED]; Area Director, [REDACTED]; Pastor of the Congregational Church, Rev. [REDACTED]. In addition, I received a midnight telephone call from the Scoutmaster who had been unavailable earlier and had just learned of the incident. I brought him up to date and suggested a meeting the following morning.

MARCH 22, 1977

Met with Rev. [REDACTED], his I.R. [REDACTED], S.M. [REDACTED], and Assistant S.M. [REDACTED] to discuss what had happened and to set plans to deal with the situation. It was decided that a meeting of the Scout committee would be called for 7:30pm this evening at the church hall where the unit meets. It is understood that some of the members of the committee are parents of some of those alleged to have been involved.

I have been in further communication with Area Director, [REDACTED], who has been very helpful, along with the Public Relations, Legal Service, and Registration and Subscription Departments of the Home Office.

(MOFE)

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(Pg 2, Freitas case)

The defendant, [REDACTED], was to have been arraigned in the New Bedford District Court this morning. However, due to the attempted suicide, he is being committed to Bridgewater State Hospital for 20 days of observation.

Following this evening's meeting, at which time I hope to learn some of the facts (i.e. names of those involved, dates, places, etc.), I should be in a better position to communicate more intelligently with those involved and will get an updated report to those who have a need to know.

One final comment...the Standard Times pressed for a story this morning. The only statement given to them was that we are in communication with the sponsoring institution in attempting to discern the facts of the matter and will deal with them accordingly. Their story appears below.

The Standard-Times, New Bedford, Mass., Tuesday, March 22, 197

## Scout leader charged in rapes tries suicide

A Dartmouth Boy Scout leader arrested yesterday on a variety of rape charges involving nine boys in his unit attempted to hang himself last night in the cellblock at the New Bedford police headquarters.

Police said they found [REDACTED] III, 23, of 530 Chase Road, North Dartmouth hanging by his jacket moments after he was placed in the cell. Police said [REDACTED] had tied the jacket to the bars of the cell.

Patrolmen Daniel J. Faria and Bruce W. Pavao of the Dartmouth police were credited with possibly saving [REDACTED] life. The two, police said, were bringing in another prisoner at 5:30 p.m. yesterday when they spotted Freitas.

Faria told The Standard-Times he used a knife, carried as part of his equipment, to cut Freitas down. "It was necessary to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," Faria said.

While using the knife, Faria cut the forefinger of his right hand. He said three stitches were needed to close the wound.

[REDACTED] was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and later returned to the cell and kept under police surveillance. He was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with 10 counts of rape on a child under 16 and five counts of inde-

cent assault and battery on a child under 14.

[REDACTED] was examined today by Dr. Louis Levine, court psychiatrist. On his recommendation, Judge Ernest G. Horrocks Jr. sent [REDACTED] without being arraigned to Bridgewater State Hospital for 20 days observation.

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(Pg. 3, Freitas case)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd

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(Pg. 4, Freitas case)

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The District Executive and myself remained with the committee and participated in that meeting. It was decided that the unit would continue meeting with no break. The ASM, who will be 21 in May and who is admired and respected, will assume the Scoutmaster's role at that time. In the meantime there will be a minimum of two-deep adult leadership at every activity, including meetings. The unit will participate in the upcoming Scout Show and will plan to attend summer camp.

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(Pg. 5, Freitas case)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1977

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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1977

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March 25, 1977

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North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Scout Executive

RPT/mkw

cc: [REDACTED]

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1977

This incident is related to one [REDACTED] 24, [REDACTED] North Dartmouth, Mass., who is registered as assistant Scoutmaster of Troop [REDACTED] sponsored by the [REDACTED] of South Dartmouth.

The first account of the problem was the 6 o'clock evening news on WTEV-6, New Bedford, citing that the above mentioned Scouter had been arrested by the Dartmouth police and was being held at the New Bedford Police station being charged with 10 counts of rape of children under 16 and 5 counts of indecent assault on children under 14. From subsequent news releases we were led to believe that there are 9 youngsters involved over a period of time which may extend up to 4 months.

Sgt. Herbert Tondreau, Rape Squad of the Dartmouth Police Dept. has been in charge of the situation but to date we have been unable to communicate with him. Upon learning of [REDACTED]'s detention at the New Bedford Police station, I went (accompanied by the District Scout Executive for that district) to the station to see if I could speak to Freitas. I was informed that since the arrest had been made by the Dartmouth Police they would have to give us this permission. We then went to the Town of Dartmouth where we discussed the situation with a Sgt. Medeiros. He informed us of a report from New Bedford that Freitas had just attempted suicide by hanging in his cell. He was not successful. However, under the circumstances, no further attempt to communicate with him that evening was made.

Also on that evening, the 21st, the following people were notified:

Council President, [REDACTED]; Area Director, [REDACTED]; Pastor of the Congregational Church, Rev. [REDACTED]. In addition, I received a midnight telephone call from the Scoutmaster who had been unavailable earlier and had just learned of the incident. I brought him up to date and suggested a meeting the following morning.

MARCH 22, 1977

Met with [REDACTED] his I.R. [REDACTED] rd, S.M. [REDACTED] and Assistant S.M. [REDACTED] to discuss what had happened and to set plans to deal with the situation. It was decided that a meeting of the Scout committee would be called for 7:30pm this evening at the church hall where the unit meets. It is understood that some of the members of the committee are parents of some of those alleged to have been involved.

I have been in further communication with Area Director, [REDACTED] who has been very helpful, along with the Public Relations, Legal Service, and Registration and Subscription Departments of the Home Office.

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The defendant, [REDACTED] was to have been arraigned in the New Bedford District Court this morning. However, due to the attempted suicide, he is being committed to Bridgewater State Hospital for 20 days of observation.

Following this evening's meeting, at which time I hope to learn some of the facts (i.e. names of those involved, dates, places, etc.), I should be in a better position to communicate more intelligently with those involved and will get an updated report to those who have a need to know.

One final comment...the Standard Times pressed for a story this morning. The only statement given to them was that we are in communication with the sponsoring institution in attempting to discern the facts of the matter and will deal with them accordingly. This story appears below.

The Standard-Times, New Bedford, Mass., Tuesday, March 22, 197

## Scout leader charged in rapes tries suicide

A Dartmouth Boy Scout leader arrested yesterday on a variety of rape charges involving nine boys in his unit attempted to hang himself last night in the cellblock at the New Bedford police headquarters.

Police said they found [REDACTED] III, 23, of 530 Chase Road, North Dartmouth hanging by his jacket moments after he was placed in the cell. Police said [REDACTED] had tied the jacket to the bars of the cell.

Patrolmen Daniel J. Faria and Bruce W. Pavao of the Dartmouth police were credited with possibly saving [REDACTED] life. The two, police said, were bringing in another prisoner at 5:30 p.m. yesterday when they spotted [REDACTED]

Faria told The Standard-Times he used a knife, carried as part of his equipment, to cut [REDACTED] down. "It was necessary to give him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," Faria said.

While using the knife, Faria cut the forefinger of his right hand. He said three stitches were needed to close the wound.

[REDACTED] was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and later returned to the cell and kept under police surveillance. He was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with 10 counts of rape on a child under 16 and five counts of inde-

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Scout Executive

RPT/mkw

cc: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## Boy Scout leader held in rape of 2 troop boys

DARTMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — A Boy Scout leader faced arraignment on multiple charges of raping boys in his scout troop during camping trips, police said.

Officers said [REDACTED], 21, of Dartmouth was arrested yesterday after a one-month investigation.

[REDACTED] who is unemployed, was charged with 10 counts of rape of a child under age 16 and five counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

Investigators said the alleged offenses involved youngsters in the South Dartmouth scout troop and occurred on weekend campouts.

TRENTON TIMES  
Tuesday, March 22, 1977

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November 4, 1977

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Scout Executive  
Moby Dick Council, No.245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We previously had correspondence with your predecessor Mr. Ronald Titus, in regard to the above Scouter. We are again writing to check on the disposition of the case against this man. We would appreciate knowing what sentence this man received in order to complete this case.

Also, with the original correspondence Mr. [REDACTED] enclosed material related to the arrest of a John [REDACTED]. At that time he informed us that the unit committee did not want to take any action prior to conviction. Please advise the status of this case.

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Sincerely,

*No reply  
in [REDACTED]  
letter*

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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