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#### CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHE

### REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

#### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

| DATE april 1, 1979  |
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| FULL NAME KENNETH LAMAR EShelman (No initials if you can possibly get full name)                                  |
| ADDRESS RDF4  |
| CITY Littitz STATE Pa ZIP CODE 1754   |
| AGE (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 PARTTIME-RECRENTION DIRECTOR + GOIF CORSE MAC.   |
| EDUCATION WARWICK Nigh School 1967; VORK College 1971 BA.   |
| EDUCATION WARWICK High School 1967; VORK College 1971 BA. WEIGHT 175 lbs COLOR White HEIGHT 6'1"                  |
| COLOR OF HAIR 10 ROWN COLOR OF EYES Shoe  |
| OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS COACH-Buttoll Social Hoseball  |
| MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN (Number, ages, and names, if possible)  |
| WIFE'S NAME   |
| SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:   |
| UNIT # CITY STATE OFFICE DATE REGISTERED DATE RESIGNED  T154 Liftitz PA LANCASTER  SCOUTTING  SPECIAL RECOGNITION |
| RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  |
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April 10, 1974

Mr. Thomas F. Lehmier Scout Executive Lancaster-Lebanon Council, No. 524

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL Re: Kenneth L. Eshleman

Dear Mr. Lehmier:

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Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning

Kenneth Eshleran. We have added this information to our

file. This will be most helpful for identification purposes
in the future, should be again try to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive Registration and Subscription

March 22, 1974

Ir. Thomas F. Lehmier Scout Executive Lancaster-Lebanon Council, No. 524

PERSONAL AND CUMPIDENTIAL Re: Remeth L. Jahleman

Dear Fr. Lehmier:

Thank you for the latter dated March 18, and the substantial information supplied by Mr. Bernard V. Kelly, District Executive, concerning Hermeth Eshleman, Secutmaster of Troop 154. This is exactly the type of information we require for our records and have placed him on our Confidential file.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This information will enable us to identify Mr. Ishleran, should be over again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

af Encl. Paul I. Ernst, Executive Registration and Subscription

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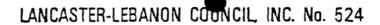
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 18, 1974

Mr. Paul Ernst, Sup. Registration and Membership Bey Scauts of America North Brunswick, M.J. 08902

RE: Kenneth L. Eshleman

Dear Paul:

I have the unpleasant task of placing on the Confidential List a Scoutmaster invelved sexually with young boys. I believe that all er most of the necessary information you need is documented in this letter and the attached statements.

Kenneth L. Eshleman is currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 15h, Lititz of Lancaster-Lebanon Council, sponsored by the Lititz Caurch of the Brethren, Lizitz, Pa.

Ken was bern and raised in Lititz, Pa. and has lived at this R.D. #h address for several years. He has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 15h for three (3) years. Ken is 6'l" tall and weighs about 175 lbs. He has brownish hair and is currently wearing a beard. He is Protestant, single and works part time at the Lititz Recreation Center and at his father's Golf Course, part time. He is also a student working toward a Masters Degree in Education. The name of the golf course is Green Acres in Lititz.

On Friday, March 1st, 1974, I received a call from
former District Commissioner of the Eastern District, asking me to have lunch
with him re: a serious matter in Troop 154. At lunch on March 1st,
teld me that Ken Eshleman was a homosexual and had played with the privates of at
least three (3) boys, including his son and the minister's son.

At this time I teli that the committee should meet with Ken and ask for his resignation as Scontmaster of Troop 15h. I also teli him that we needed

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statements from the boys involved and that I would be willing to sit and talk with the parents and boys involved. He tald me that the Faster of the Church of the Brethren and the unit's Institutional Representative would ask Wr. Eshlewan to resign over the week-end, and he would obtain statements from the boys involved.

On March Sth, Attorney John Gibble of Lititz, who is the President of the church board called me to tell me that he was gotting statements from the boys and planned to meet with Mr. Eshleman and some committee members as soon as possible. I called Mr. Gibble over the week-end and he informed me that he was getting the boys' statements and that the committee would meet with Ken on Tuesday, March 12th at 1:00 P.M.

On Tuesday kr. Gioble dropped off the statements at the Scout office and told me that they would ask Ken for his resignation at 1:00 P.M. as originally planned. The committee met with Ken and he resigned from Scouting, although he denied any blame for these matters.

On Friday, March 15th, I had a meeting again with he told me that Wen Eshleman has since seen the Pistor and the committee and is seeking help and has agreed to take counseling.

The Boys' statements are attached and I trust that this evidence is sufficient to keep Kenneth Eshleman out of Scouting.

Sincerely,

District Executive

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cc:Scout Executive



## Lititz Church of the Brethren

Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543

Phone: Area Code

March 8, 1974



Pastor

Arlin G. Claassen Assoc. Pastor

Lancaster County Council, Boy Scouts of America 630 Janet Avenue Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601

Dear Gentlemen:

I am writing in behalf of my son, is thirteen years old and has been a member of Troop 154 of our church in Lititz for approximately two and one-half years. Is an intelligent, friendly and cooperative boy who is active in music, school sports, Youth Club and who was enjoying the Scouting program very much until a year and a half ago when for some strange, unexplainable reason, he suddenly seemed to lose interest in the meetings, camp outs, etc.

In a typical father-son conversation on February 23, 1974 and I got talking coincidentally about the subject of homosexuality. I explained the dynamics of the problem and the unfortunate circumstances this problem produces for those who grow up to be homosexuals. Immediately, said, "Ken Eshleman is a homosexual. And that's why I am not in Scouts!"

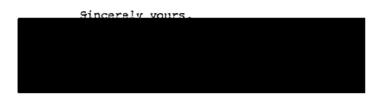
When I pressed to be specific about what he actually knew to be the truth about the situation, he said that "everyone" in the troop knew that Ken was a homo. He would make gestures to any of the boys that would let him get away with it. When I asked why no one had reported this situation, he said that everyone was scared to speak.

Upon further questioning for specifics, said that he had been personally embarrassed on at least two occasions. The first was on an overnite trip to the pony farm (his first camp out, I believe!) Ken asked to get into Ken's sleeping bag in order to warm it up. Then he got into the bag with and proceeded to rub his back, etc., including other parts of his body. Finally, after strong resistance, managed to get away.

The second incident involving included also two of his friends. This time, during the summer camp at Camp Mack (1972) Ken had these three boys sleep with him in Ken's camp for disciplinary purposes of some sort. Said the boy between him and Ken was awakened from sleep during the night by Ken, who was playing with his privates. Says that Ken also made advances at him. By this time all confidence had broken down between and Mr. Eshleman, and says that to this day he fears being in a room alone with Ken, for even in this type situation Ken physically abuses the boys.

There is little wonder that so many boys have lost interest, respect and confidence, not only in this Scout master, but in the Scouting program itself. This is, unfortunately, a regretable situation

and it is my personal request that something be done immediately to release Mr. Eshleman of his position and to help him secure help for his problem.



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P.S. Having read this letter, I hereby testify that these are the facts that I told my father and that this is a true statement.

### March 10, 24

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I would like to relate to you some of the things that have happened between me and my scoutmaster which I did not onjoy at all. My Secut master is Ken Eshleman, He is a homosexual and many boxs in the troop know it. I for one have good reasons to believe it because I have, like many other boys, been a victom of his actions, I am no longer a scout and Ken Eshloman is one of the reasons, many boys have quita because of ken and his problem. IT regan when we were on my first camping trip with the sents which was shortly after I joined. Nost of the incedents occured with my friend because we always stuck together and slept in the same Tent. The day went normal until night whom he would go around and give backrubs to all the kids. I don't know if he did this to all the kids but he sure did it to us. He came into our tent and gave me a backrub and slowly inches his way down my underpoints and would start to play with your Penus. Ofter he left we were stunned and sidn't think much of it. Until he would do If again and again and aren during the day if you were alone with he would start to play with your plenes, and we got to hate it. Evenducing the meeting he would feel guys out although I was locky enough that he didn't do it with me during ameeting, Then on my last camp out 2 guys and me not to sleep in Kens tent because we had come late and there were no more ronts. I quickly got at the end of the tent the farth away from ten) because I and the other 2 knew what to expect. I pitaed the person that was right next to

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