

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE May 6, 1986

FULL NAME Kurt W. Leckler SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Rocky River STATE Ohio ZIP CODE 14116

DATE OF BIRTH September 2, 1956 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Presbyterian NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION _____

EDUCATION Bachelors College of Wooster

WEIGHT Approx 150 HEIGHT 5' 9" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Light Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
T263	Cleveland	Ohio	Scoutmaster	March 31, 1978	February 18, 1986

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SEE ATTACHED

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):

STARON
MAY 13 1986

NOTED
MAY 29 '86
JOSEPH L. [REDACTED]

Signed Joseph L. Bartel
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council 141

June 2, 1986

Mr. James L. Bartel
Scout Executive
Greater Cleveland Council, No. 440

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Kurt W. Leckler

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY FOR FILE

JUN 5 1986

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GREATER CLEVELAND
COUNCIL NO 440
BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

James L. Bartel
Scout Executive

May 14, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst
Director
Registration, Subscription
& Statistical Service
National Office, BSA

Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

This should close the Kurt W.
Leckler file.

Sincerely,

JLB/bjg
encl

CONF023480

Scout leader sentenced for rapes

A Rocky River man has been sentenced to four to 25 years in prison for molesting eight boys when he was a scoutmaster for a Boy Scouts of America troop in Parma.

Kurt W. Leckler, 29, who led the Parma troop since 1978, left the organization after he was indicted in February. He pleaded guilty to three counts of rape and five counts of gross sexual imposition involving the boys, who range in age from 11 to 17.

Some incidents occurred while the

troop was on outings and others took place at Leckler's Center Ridge Rd. apartment, police and prosecutors said.

Common Pleas Judge Ralph A. McAllister sentenced Leckler Monday.

Rocky River detectives began interviewing members of the troop after the Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services received a complaint from a scout.

William E. Gerstenslager, who prepared the prosecution's case, said Leckler initiated encounters with the boys slowly, to test their reaction, then continued until he was rebuffed.

Leckler worked as a material-control analyst for a Westlake company until he resigned after being indicted.

Defense lawyer Paul W. Cassidy said Leckler had been receiving psychiatric treatment.

"It's something for which he has sincere remorse," said Cassidy.

Scoutmaster is guilty of rapes

Former Parma scoutmaster Kurt Leckler of Rocky River faces between five and 25 years in prison on each of three rape charges involving young boys that he pleaded guilty to Monday in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

Leckler is free on bond and awaiting sentencing before Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Ralph McAllister after pleading guilty to three counts of rape and three counts of gross sexual impos-

tion involving young boys, a majority of whom were members of his scouting troop. Leckler also faces between six months and five years in prison on each count of gross sexual imposition, police said.

Leckler had been indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury the past two months on 39 gross sexual imposition and rape charges, some instances dating back to 1974, police said.

Leckler agreed to plead guilty to the three counts of rape and five

counts of gross sexual imposition as well as supply police with a list of the juveniles with whom he had sexual contact, police said.

In the plea bargaining, police said, the age of the juveniles who were victims of the sex charges were not disclosed. Leckler could have faced life imprisonment if the youths involved were under age 13, police said. Police earlier said the gross sexual imposition and rapes involved boys ranging in age from 13

"We wanted an accurate list of the victims so they could be contacted for counseling," a police spokesman said. A majority but not all of the victims were troop members, police said. Some of the victims were abused 11 years ago and are currently adults, police said.

The gross sexual imposition and rapes were reported to have taken place in Leckler's Center Ridge Road apartment or at scouting camps in the area of Akron, Ohio, in April and May of 1974.

Handwritten notes:
Cuyahoga County
Grand Jury
March 27, 1986
39 gross sexual
imposition and
rape charges

April 14, 1986

Mr. James L. Bantel
Scout Executive
Greater Cleveland Council, No. 440

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Kurt W. ~~LECKLER~~
LECKLER

Dear Jim:

You recently sent us a letter concerning the above-named individual. We notice that the newspaper article indicates the name as Leckler. We would like to know for future reference purposes which spelling is correct.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed. This will enable us to identify the above-named individual should he move to some other section of the country and try to register with the Boy Scouts of America.

I would also like to know the outcome of the sentencing when it occurs. This should then complete the file and give us the necessary information for refusal. Let us know if we may be of any help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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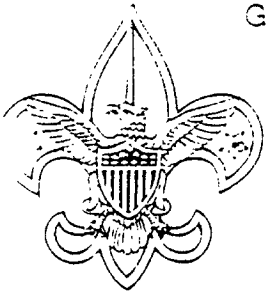
cc: East Central Region

READY FOR FILE

APR 15 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

CONF023483



GREATER CLEVELAND
COUNCIL NO. 110
BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

[REDACTED]

April 7, 1986

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
S108
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

One of our Scoutmasters should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. He is Kurt W. Leckner, [REDACTED] Rocky River, Ohio 44116. Mr. Leckner was Scoutmaster of Troop 263, chartered to the Parma South Presbyterian Church.

A problem with him first came to our attention on February 26 with a call from the Rocky River Police Department. Details of charges against him are outlined in the attached news article.

He is a member of the chartered organization and the pastor and troop committee took fast action to relieve him of his duties.

Based on this information, we believe Kurt Leckner should not have any association with the Boy Scouts of America now or in the future.

Sincerely,

James L. Bartel
Scout Executive

JLB/bjg

CONF023484

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