

# APPENDIX A

## CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date August 10, 1990

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Full name Mark Christopher Tate

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Scottsboro State AL ZIP 35768

Date of birth March 19, 1961 (This is important and should be exact.)

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

Religion Protestant (Methodist) Nationality U. S. Citizen

Occupation Claims Adjuster, Alfa Insurance Company

Education Tullahoma High School (He attended college-name unknown)

Weight 175 Height 5'10" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Possibly brown (not for sure)

Outstanding characteristics or interests       

Married or single Single Children No

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name None

### Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
S0122	Scottsboro	AL	SM	9/84	July 26, 1990

<sup>008/35</sup>  
Special Recognition Eagle Scout

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: See attached documents

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL **NOTED**

AUG 15 1990 NOV 20 1990

F. STARON JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed *John F. Lamberti, Jr.*

Council Executive

Council Tennessee Valley #659

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED

COUNCIL #

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

On-Line \_\_\_\_\_ Batch \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: *Jack Gouldin*

POSITION: *SE*

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

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RENEWAL DATE

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*He will leave the office  
in 20 minutes for 3 days. Please  
call as soon as possible*

*MARK TATE -  
CANCEL NATIONAL REVIEW  
PER SE. 4-15-91 9:30 AM  
JC*

SOLUTION:

*FILE COMING BACK FROM  
HEIDI TODAY  
4-15-91*

NAME *01*

DATE *4-15-91*

TIME *9:20*

March 29, 1991

Chief Scout Executive  
Boy Scouts of America

Irving TX 75015-2079

To whom it may concern,

I appeal the decision made by the regional review committee on 2-22-91.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M.C. Tate", written over a horizontal line.

Mark C. Tate



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SOUTHEAST REGION  
50 Chastain Center Boulevard  
P.O. Box 440728  
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144  
404-421-1601

### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION BY REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REGARDING MARK C. TATE Southeast Region, Boy Scouts of America

The Southeast Region Review Committee met on February 22, 1991, and reviewed all materials concerning Mr. Tate's membership denial. After careful review, the committee found no basis to overturn the original decision of membership denial. The committee confirms the denial of Mr. Tate's registration.

READY FOR FILE

FEB 28 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

February 27, 1991

Mr. James D. Wilson  
Assistant Regional Director  
Boy Scouts of America  
Southeast Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT SHIRLEY & MARK C. TATE

Dear Jim:

This gives you written approval to send the letters to both Mr. Shirley and Mr. Tate indicating that they can appeal to the national council, if they so desire. This approves the letter which indicates the region's decision to uphold the suspension of registration.

Let me know if you have any questions concerning these individuals. We would appreciate copies of any letters which you send.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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February 22, 1991

SOUTHEAST REGION, BSA  
REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
APPEAL BY MARK C. TATE  
OF LOCAL COUNCIL DENIAL OF  
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION - BSA

MINUTES

I. The committee was called to order by Chairman Don Morgan.

II. CASE REVIEW — Don Morgan

Mr. Morgan reviewed the appeal submitted by Mr. Tate of his termination as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America by the Tennessee Valley Council, BSA.

In addition to materials submitted, Mr. Morgan advised the committee that attempts had been made to determine Mr. Tate's background in Scouting in another council prior to his service in the Tennessee Valley Council. No relevant information had been secured.

III. COMMITTEE DECISION

After considerable discussion of the Tennessee Valley Council's termination of Mr. Tate's registration as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America and Mr. Tate's appeal as presented, the motion was made by Mr. Wood that the committee uphold the decision of the Tennessee Valley Council to terminate Mr. Tate's membership with the BSA. Jimmy Shephard, seconded. Unanimously approved.

IV. ATTENDANCE:

Don Morgan, Chairman  
Clyde Wood, Committee  
Jimmy Shephard, Committee  
Bob Holt, Area Director  
Jim Wilson, Assistant Regional Director

February 28, 1991

Suggested  
Letter

to TATE &  
SHIRLEY

Mr. Mark C. Tate  
[Redacted]  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Dear Mr. Tate:

A Southeast Regional Review Committee met to review material concerning the denial of your membership by the Tennessee Valley Council, Huntsville, AL.

After a careful review of the information supplied, the committee found no basis to overturn the previous decision.

If you wish to appeal the decision of the review committee, you must write within 30 days to the Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, P. O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. You must explain why you believe the decision is in error before review proceedings will be initiated at the national level.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Wilson  
Assistant Regional Director

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cc: Jack Gauldin, Scout Executive



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January 4, 1991

Personal and Confidential

*Ref. Mark C. Tate*

TO: Don Morgan, Chairman  
Clyde Wood  
Jimmy Shepherd  
Bari Saunders, Alternate

The region has been asked to provide a review hearing for an individual from an Area Three council who has been denied registration by the Boy Scouts of America and has requested an appeal of this decision in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Boy Scouts of America. According to the procedures, this appeal is conducted by a specially appointed regional committee. We would like to ask if you would be available to serve as a member of this review committee.

Area Director Bob Holt will coordinate the date and time for this meeting. Please contact him at [REDACTED] to let him know if you will be available to serve on this committee.

Enclosed are the materials that will be considered in the review hearing.

Your assistance with this important matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John M. Belk  
Regional President

cc: Hoyt Hunt  
Bob Holt  
Jack Gauldin  
~~Paul Ernst~~

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December 12, 1990

Mr. James D. Wilson  
Assistant Regional Director  
Southeast Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MARK C. TATE

Dear Jim:

I am enclosing the additional material which was not with your letter of December 5. We hope this will build you a complete file, so that you can proceed with the regional review.

This is authorization to proceed with the regional review. You should now have all the material that would be necessary for your evaluation.

Let me know if we may help from this office.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

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December 5, 1990

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Mark C. Tate

[REDACTED]  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Dear Mr. Tate:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 30, 1990, requesting a regional review of your membership denial from the Boy Scouts of America. As explained to you in the letter from Scout Executive John T. Gauldin, Jr., a regional review committee will be appointed.

You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson  
Assistant Regional Director

!BCC: Bob Holt!  
! Jack Gauldin!  
! John Belk, Regional President!  
! Paul Ernst, Registration Service!

!ENCL TO BCC RECIPIENTS: Materials received from Mark Tate along with!  
! his request for review!

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November 30, 1990

DEC 4 1990

Gentlemen,

Attached to this letter you will find several affidavits and letters and a diary of the events before and after the incidents that brought on my suspension.

It is without reservation that I say that this has been the most difficult and taxing situation that I have ever encountered. Without the help and support of many of my friends, I obviously would not have been able to work through it. It has not only affected my Scouting career, but also my professional, family and personal affairs as well. It is for that reason that I must pursue this appeal. I thank you for this opportunity.

Let me first say that I do not feel that I am free of all fault. or that I am a perfect saint. I am very far from either. I do however believe, contend, and plan on showing that I have not in the past, present, or plan in the future to do anything to, or with a child that could be construed as being immoral. I do admit that I may not be the best example at all times. I also admit that my suborn will to do things "my way" can get me into situations. That is part of what I think has happened here. This entire situation started from my spending personal time with one particular youth. In the Department of Human Resource letter, (which you have a copy of), they state that I have a history of doing this. They may be right. I feel in today's society that there are many children who are given a "bad deal". This happens to them, not by any fault of their own, but usually because adults are unable or unwilling to solve their own problems. For whatever reason that this happens, it certainly is not the fault of the child. We look around and see alcoholism in our youth going up. Teenage suicide is on a steady increase. Many children are turning to drugs to try and solve their complex problems. We see this and we scratch our heads and ask why? compared to other children around the world, we feel like our's have everything. Education is there for them if they want it. Most have comfortable surroundings in which to live. They have plenty to eat. A wide variety of activities to enjoy. So why all the problems? I do not contend to be a authority on child behavior. I do however have some common sense, and my common sense tells me

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that material needs in life never substitute emotional needs. I also know and understand that growing up is hard to do. So in taking this into view and combining it with the environment that many children find themselves in, I think you will find the biggest part of the answer to the question why. How do you combat this situation? I feel that if you can build self esteem into a child, you can go a long way in helping them. If you can do this, and give structure to their life, then they will have the ability to not only "make it" but to enjoy growing up.

Unfortunately, many children are not given this opportunity. This is why I like the Scouting program. It is designed to build self esteem, leadership, values, and it certainly has structure. Even with this some youth need "one on one" in order to establish good foundations. You would be surprised at the results that can be obtained by taking a child fishing and letting him tell about the important things in his life. Or the excitement and pride he has when he pulls in his fish. The time does not have to be of any great amount. The activity does not have to be any spectacular event. All that is needed is the opportunity.

I certainly understand the "one on one" policy set out by B.S.A. I also do not see that I have intentionally violated the policy. I have tried very hard on any B.S.A. activity to not be one on one. I feel that the policy is a good one for not only the protection of the child, but the leader and the B.S.A. as well.

In your last letter to me you advised me to give explanation to any specific allegation. Again, I advise you that no one from the B.S.A., professional or volunteer has made me aware of any specific allegation, other than immoral activity and violation of the "one on one" policy.

I understand that there is a affidavit stating that I touched a young man's penis. This, from what I understand was suppose to occur some 4 to 5 years ago, while on a trip to West Virginia. I also understand that the youth's name is [REDACTED]. I will state to you that this affidavit is false, and that [REDACTED] has told a lie. I support my statement by giving to you my word and three of the affidavits attached. Additionally I have never seen any such affidavit. All of my information was given to me verbally by the Department of Human Resources. I have in fact been denied access to the affidavit by both D.H.R. and the B.S.A.

I also understand that another allegation is that I have violated either a rule or a policy of the B.S.A. on one on one activity. It is also alleged that I conducted myself in a immoral manner. This was suppose to occur with a Scout by the name of [REDACTED]. These allegations are also false. I offer in support an affidavit from [REDACTED] and his mother.

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If these are not the reasons or are not all of the reasons for my suspension, then if you will supply me with the reasons, I will answer them. These allegations are all that I know of.

In attempt to obtain any and all specific allegations, I have hired a Private Investigator. His investigations revealed little more than what I already knew.

Please understand that my reason for this appeal is to simply clear my name of any immoral activity. I need to do this for my professional life, as well as my private life. If I can be of any assistance, please call. Again, I thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Mark Tate

cc: Mr. Jack Gauldin  
Tennessee Valley Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]  
Huntsville, AL 35805

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April, 1990 - I called a committee meeting so that I can discuss with the committee a possible problem that we had with one of the scouts [REDACTED]. Present at the meeting was Thom Porter, Troop Chaplain and Associate Minister of the First United Methodist Church, the sponsor of the troop; Linda Bonsall, Secretary/Treasurer; Charles Woosley; Ray Allen, Assistant Scout Master; William Jones, Assistant Scout Master; and myself. Discussion was concerning possible visitation rights conflict between the boy's mother, [REDACTED], who is the parent who has custody over the child, and the boy's father, [REDACTED] of Fort Payne, Alabama. [REDACTED] had advised me that the father was trying to stir up some problems concerning visitation. And that it was at that time concerning [REDACTED] and worrying him. My discussion with the troop committee was that we could possibly help by watching [REDACTED] a little bit more closely.

May 3, 1990 - Committee meeting was held, no significant discussion concerning the issues in this situation. No discussion whatsoever concerning the issues in this situation.

June 29, 1990 - I asked to meet with the committee again, special session. Present were Charles Woosley, Rosa Baty, Robert Holcomb, Marshall Stout and myself. This meeting was concerning absenteeism and the problems with absenteeism and what we could possibly do to correct it. Also present was Linda Bonsall. It was brought up that possibly we could bring in more members onto the committee to help with the business of running the troop. Names mentioned to be talked to concerning being brought onto the committee were Jimmy Bergman, John Porter and Joe Airhert. Charles Woosley was to speak with John Porter and Jimmy Bergman. Linda Johnson's name was also brought up. Linda Bonsall was to speak with Linda Johnson. Marshall Stout was to speak with Joe Airhert concerning being brought into the committee.

June 7, 1990 - Committee meeting held. Nothing was brought up concerning these issues.

June 16 through June 23, 1990 - The troop took trip to Washington D. C. stopping along the way in Williamsburg, Virginia. Adults present on the trip were William Jones, Assistant Scout Master; myself, Scout Master; Don Johnson, District Commissioner. We left on a Saturday morning, June 16, arriving in Williamsburg that evening. Stayed in Williamsburg June 17th and 18th and left for Washington on June 19th. Staying in Washington, June 19, 20, 21 and 22 and leaving on June 23rd arriving back to Scottsboro that evening.

July 5, 1990 - Regular committee meeting was held. Jimmy Bergman, John Porter and Linda Johnson appeared without notification to myself and to the best of my knowledge to anyone else. They were called by Linda Bonsall. Many things were discussed that evening including an eagle review for Jason Turner. At the end of the meeting an unscheduled subject was brought up by Charles Woosley. This subject was concerning [REDACTED] and the time

that I was spending with him. Mr. Woosley voiced that the father and ex-husband of [REDACTED] was very upset by this and that the man could become violent and very irritable easily. Jimmy Bergman asked me if I had had any conflicts with [REDACTED]. My answer was no as I had not. I had met with [REDACTED] on two separate occasions, once in Fort Payne and once at the church. These meetings were called by me and they were to discuss [REDACTED] and any possible problems he may be having with [REDACTED]. In both meetings the only concerns that he brought up were visitation. Not that the scouts were getting in the way but his problems with his ex-wife. In both situations I remained neutral and advised him that my only concern was for the child and that I had no choice but to remain neutral. Since the first meeting [REDACTED] was nominated for Allstars and placed on the Allstar baseball team. This is a fine honor for him but opening season for Allstars was the same week as Boxwell summer camp. The child decided to go to Boxwell rather than play Allstars. I was not notified that there was a conflict until after he had made the decision. [REDACTED] was very upset by this decision made by the child according to Mr. Woosley and was planning on taking some type of action.

Also present at the committee meeting other than myself were Jimmy Bergman, John Porter, Linda Johnson, Linda Bonsall, Marshall Stout, William Jones, Rosa Baty was not present nor was Joe Airhert called as planned to join the committee. Thom Porter was not present in that he had taken a church of his own in June and been replaced by Rick Owens. I informed the committee that I would look into the situation and see what could be done. Although the committee did voice objections, there was no order from the committee that I should refrain from spending any time with [REDACTED] or this family. The discussion was brought up by Linda Johnson that there exists a ruling by the Boy Scouts of America that says that no adult leader may spend one-on-one time with any scout at any time whether on scout time or on personal time. This was told to be true by Linda Bonsall and the committee believed this to be true since these two ladies affirmed it.

July 8, 1990 - We left for Boxwell summer camp. I refrained from spending any time around scout [REDACTED]. We were at Boxwell summer camp from July 8 to July 13. On July 9, I also refrained from being anywhere in the vicinity of [REDACTED]. On the evening of July 10 [REDACTED] came to me and wanted to know if he had done anything wrong. I advised him no that he had not and he questioned why I was "snubbing" him. I advised him that I was not snubbing him, that I did not want him to have any problems from anyone concerning any time spent with him. He understood this but still wondered why I was staying away from him more than the other scouts. I advised him that that would be corrected and I did so. On July 11 [REDACTED] called his mother to talk to her. She asked to speak to me and asked if I would be willing to bring [REDACTED] him on Friday evening July 13 from Boxwell summer camp because she worked in Huntsville at Redstone Arsenal and by the time she got off work that day she would not be able to make it to Boxwell, a three hour trip in time. I advised her that I would be more than happy to bring him home. On July 13 Boxwell had parents night beginning around 6:00 P. M. This included the evening supper, touring the camp and then going through the camp fire activities before leaving camp for home. Parents from Troop 122 arrived. Two boys did not have parents present, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] rode home with Marshall Stout. As planned with [REDACTED] mother [REDACTED] rode home with me. Nothing was said to me the evening of July 13. After arriving home in the early morning of July 14,

██████████ mother asked me if I would be willing to keep ██████████ the following week because she was going into the hospital to have arm surgery. I advised her that I would do that also.

July 15, 1990 - I decided that after being at camp for a week and in Washington for a week the previous month that we could take a week away from having a meeting. I called the Senior Patrol Leader and the patrol leaders and in turn asked them to call their members to advise them that we would not meet on July 17. This brought no objection from anyone to me.

July 17 through July 19, 1990 - On the evening of 18th and 19th I took him to Huntsville Humana Hospital to see his mother. She returned home approximately 1:00 P. M. on Friday and I picked ██████████ up approximately 12:30 on Friday and took him home so he would be there when she got there.

July 23, 1990 - Marshall Stout called me approximately 8:45 in the morning and asked me if I knew what the committee meeting was about that evening. I advised Marshall I knew nothing of any committee meeting. He then advised me that John Porter had called him and advised him that there would be a committee meeting Monday night, July 23 at 7:00 P. M. I advised Marshall that I had no idea what the meeting was concerning and if there were any problems to contact me. No one other than Marshall contacted me on July 23 or any time previous to July 23 concerning any called committee meeting. Nor had anyone made any comments to me concerning possible one-on-one problems with ██████████ other than the committee meeting on July 5, 1990.

On the evening of July 23, 1990 at approximately 9:30 P. M. Marshall Stout came to my office where I was working late. He advised me that he and I needed to speak. Once in my office an seated Marshall advised me that the committee was asking for my resignation due to my flagrant disregard to the one-on-one rule set down by the Boy Scouts of America. Marshall further told me that several comments were made in the meeting concerning my sexual preference. There were also several allegations concerning that I may have at one time molested one or more children. There was also a great deal of discussion concerning our Washington trip. That one, I spent 15 minutes or longer behind closed door with ██████████ alone and that ██████████ was in the same room and same bed that I was in Washington. Indeed in Washington we were in four hotel rooms with two beds and two to a bed. I had asked ██████████ mother if she had a problem with this and she said no. One adult per room. Needless to say I was shocked at the news that Marshall had brought me and considered it very serious. I informed Marshall that I would have to do a great deal of thinking concerning this and that I would have to get back with him. I asked Marshall if they were going to let me advise the boys of my resignation and Marshall's response was no that "they have taken over the troop and cancelled the meeting for tomorrow night". Further, Marshall informed me that if I did not resign then they would basically terminate my position as scout master for Troop 122. To my understanding present at this committee meeting other than Marshall was Jimmy Bergman, John Porter, Linda Johnson, Linda Bonsall and Rick Owens. My understanding was that Charles Wosley was not present at this committee meeting. Also present was Rosa Baty.



1990 - I arrived back home to Scottsboro from Huntsville  
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ion. At approximately 6:30 P. M. Marshall called me back  
that several parents had gotten together and decided to  
meeting concerning this situation. That they wanted in  
acting committee chairman John Porter what this was all  
rter was acting as committee chairman in that Fred  
ommittee chairman had never attended any committee meetings  
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:30 P. M. I arrived at the church at 7:30 P. M. and several  
re in the parking lot. I waited in the parking lot for  
5 minutes when I asked one of the scouts to call Marshall  
ing. Marshall came out and advised me that the parents  
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l been taken. They were in his words "eating John Porter  
all's wife came out of the meeting and asked Marshall  
n. She told me to stay where I was. Marshall returned  
coming back again after approximately 5 minutes. Marshall  
would be willing to meet with the committee the following  
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ing July 26 to hold a parents meeting in either situation  
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I advised Marshall that I would "meet with them anywhere,  
/ reason".

1990 - Second committee meeting was held. Present were  
t Owens, new associate minister, Charles Woosley, John  
Bergman, Linda Johnson, Linda Bonsall, Marshall Stout,  
minister of First United Methodist Church and myself.  
ng committee chairman opened the meeting and advised that  
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/ house on the Tuesday previous and I advised them that  
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They asked me if I thought that "looked strange" and  
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Marshall Stout to read the letter and the conditions for the appeal. I then informed Marshall as I did [REDACTED] that I have never at any time done anything to any child which would be immoral or grossly immoral. I advised them at times I had used language possibly that I wished I had not done and possibly in some areas I could be construed as a poor example. Marshall advised me that on the 14th of August he would advise the parents of the situation and ask them if they would wish to continue in forming a new troop. On the 14th of August Marshall did meet with the parents and advised them that the council had asked me not to be connected with Boy Scouts, in fact, had restricted me from it. Marshall advised them that he did not know when I would be possibly able to connect myself back with the Scouts. The parents advised Marshall that they still wanted to continue in forming a new troop. Marshall had asked me if I would continue in helping with the troop, not as an official leader but as a friend to [REDACTED]. I advised him that I would be more than happy to.

August 21, 1990 - The proposed Troop 220 has a meeting at Trinity Baptist Church.

August 28, 1990 - Proposed Troop 220 conducts a meeting and I attend part of the meeting.

August 30, 1990 - Marshall Stout, Scout Master of proposed Troop 220 comes to tell me that Barry Oxley, District Executive, Tennessee Valley Council in Jackson District told him that I could not be connected to the troop in any shape, form or fashion. Not even as a friend to a parent or to a child.

September 4, 1990 - Troop 220 meets and I do not attend. Troop charters on this day.

September 6, 1990 - I send a letter to Jack Gauldin requesting more information concerning my dismissal. That I was given both verbal and written information and I had some questions concerning. I also invite Ralph Grider to this meeting.

September 11, 1990 - Jack Gauldin calls me and said he had received my letter and they he would try to set up a meeting on Thursday, September 13 for the afternoon. That he would call me the morning of Thursday, September 13 to confirm or deny a meeting. September 13 comes, no contact from Mr. Gauldin or anyone else involved in the scouting program.

September 17, 1990 - I called Jack Gauldin and asked him if we were still going to be able to meet. He said he was having difficulty in locating and talking with Ralph Grider and as soon as he could speak with Ralph he would contact me.

September 18, 1990 - Gauldin calls and advises me that the meeting is set for Monday, September 24 at 3:00 P.M. in Ralph Grider's office. Then Gauldin further asked me what I was wanting to meet over. I advised him that I wanted more detailed information concerning my dismissal and concerning the affidavits which they proposed to have. Mr. Gauldin advises me that he could not let me know what were in the affidavits and certainly could not give me a copy of the. I then asked him to outline in more detail the procedures for a review hearing. He does so.

September 14, 1990 - I called the Department of Human Resources and left a message for my call to be returned. On September 17 after not having a response, I called DHR and left a message with no response.

September 19, 1990 - I was finally directed to Patricia Starling of DHR. She was investigating the charges for DHR. I advised her that I was running out of time for my appeal. She states that she knew nothing of me being dismissed from scouting and that she would try to work on it a little bit more.

September 19, 1990 - At approximately 7:00 P. M. Marshall Stout came by to tell me that the church, Trinity Baptist Church which was chartering the new troop, that the church's minister, Reverend Jim Legg had advised Marshall that until this situation was cleared that they did not want me anywhere near the troop. Jim Legg further tells Marshall Stout that Barry Oxley had called him and advised him that there was many problems concerning myself. He further advised him that there were sworn statements with explicit sexual involvement. After Marshall told me this information I went to Mr. Oxley to confront him with this. Mr. Oxley denied that he ever said anything of the sort to Reverend Jim Legg. I then at that time advised Mr. Oxley that I did not feel a minister would lie about such a situation and I then in turn advised Mr. Oxley that I thought he was a liar. I further advised Mr. Oxley that he needed to be very careful about saying things in that he could find himself in litigation.

September 20, 1990 - I called Jack Gauldin and advised him of the slanderous comments that were made by Mr. Oxley

September 21, 1990 - Patricia Starling meets with [REDACTED] at his home at approximately 4:00 P. M. in the afternoon. The meeting last approximately 15 minutes. Ms. Starling advises David that some boys had complained and felt uncomfortable concerning me hugging on them. She asked [REDACTED] if I hug on him and he responded yes. She asked if he felt uncomfortable with this and he responded no. She further inquires as if he feels uncomfortable with any thing that I do with him and he advised no.

September 24, 1990 - I check on progress with Patricia Starling of DHR. She advises me that she is not done in her calling.

September 26, 1990 - I call Patricia Starling. She agrees to meet with me Thursday to discuss this situation.

September 27, 1990 - I meet with Patricia Starling of DHR at 3:00 P. M. She asked for me to tell her what I know. I tell her everything that I know to this point. She advises me that there is not two affidavits. There is only one affidavit. She further advises me that this affidavit is concerning hugging and this affidavit also concerns a situation that was alleged to have occurred four years ago in 1986 in Snowshoe, West Virginia in which I allegedly touched a boy named [REDACTED] on the penis in which that time he turned and hit me with his fist to my face. I advise her that that is not possibly true in any shape, form or fashion. She further advises me that she has talked to five boys in all who were former members or are members in Troop 122, one of them being [REDACTED] the second one being [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advises that he has had some motivation problems with me. The third one I am unknown to who this person was, advised

that he was uncomfortable with me hugging on him. The fourth one I do not know who this one was, she advised me that he had no problems with me. The fifth one being [REDACTED] also additionally advised her that he had no problems with me. I further advised her again that I have never done anything to harm any child. She advises me that no case is going to be brought forward against me due to the fact that the parents did not want to get involved any further that they already were. She further advises me that she feels that my fight is with the Boys Scouts and not with the legal system. I advise her that if I have some information and, will she be willing to listen to it. She advises me that she would be more that willing to listen to anyone at any time. I asked her if this case was being founded or unfounded she advised me that it was going to be called founded due to the fact that an affidavit had been submitted.

I felt that the best thing to do at this time was to send the appeal letter off stating in the appeal letter that I am unsure of what exactly the allegations are in that my reason for termination has been changed three times. The first time being the violation of the one-on-one ruling set down by the Boy Scouts of America. The second reason being because of poor judgment used in Washington D. C. The third reason being immoral conduct.

October 3, 1990 - I send my appeal letter which you will find attached, to the Southeastern Region by way of certified mail, return receipt requested. I send a copy to Mr. Jack Gauldin, Scout Executive, Tennessee Valley Council, certified mail, return receipt requested. I contact two individuals who were former members of Troop 122, [REDACTED] who is a student at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was on the trip where I allegedly violated this boy and [REDACTED] who was also on this trip where I was supposed to violate this boy. [REDACTED] was additionally not only on the trip but in the room in which I stayed and [REDACTED] stayed. I met with Patricia Starling on October 1, 1990. I advised her that I had some people that I wanted her to speak with that I'd have to contact them first. After contacting [REDACTED] and contacting Ron Beaty who was a leader in the troop during these times and asking them if they would have a problem talking with Patricia then I turned their names over to her and asked her to call them. I additionally asked her to call Mr. Marvin Jones who is a District Executive with the Tennessee Valley Council in Huntsville, Alabama. I advised her that Mr. Jones could possibly be of some help to her in the fact that he was District Executive of the Jackson District at the time that these events were supposed to have occurred. Ms. Starling tells me that on October 6, 1990 she met with [REDACTED] and that she additionally had met with Mr. Beaty. She advises me that she is having some problems contacting [REDACTED] but she would contact him and set up an appointment to meet with him. She further advises me that she has left several messages for Marvin Jones to call, that he has not returned her messages and she assumes that the Boy Scouts do not want him involved.

October 9, 1990 - Troop 220 has a fall court of honor with approximately 15 boys attending and I am invited to the court of honor as a special guest. I attend the court of honor.

October 11, 1990 - I receive in the mail a letter from the Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Region acknowledging the fact of receiving my letter of October 3 further advising me that I was given the specified allegations

against me on August 8, 1990 by John T. Gauldin, Council Executive and Vice President of the Tennessee Valley Council, Ralph Grider. They further advise me if I wish to further my appeal that it would be necessary for me to submit in writing, be very explicit why I feel the allegations are given to me in error. The letter was signed by James D. Wilson, Assistant Regional Director.

October, 18, 1990 - I receive letter from Pat Starling of DHR. See copy attached.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
JACKSON COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Scottsboro, Alabama. I am 15 years old and I am a sophomore at [REDACTED]. I have been a member of Boy Scout Troop 122 in Scottsboro for the last 5 years.

I went on the trip to Snowshoe, West Virginia several years ago and I roomed with Mark Tate and [REDACTED]. I believe there was another scout who stayed in our room but I am not sure. I saw [REDACTED] a lot during that trip and I never observed him to be upset about anything during the trip. I believe that if Mark Tate had molested or abused [REDACTED] during that trip I would have known that something was wrong.

I found Mark Tate to be an excellent scoutmaster and I have never seen him do anything that was suspicious or offensive to any of the scouts. I do not believe that he has molested or abused anyone. He was genuinely interested in all of the scouts and he was a friend to us as well as a leader and role model.

While [REDACTED] was a member of the troop he did hang around Mark Tate a lot but it was my feeling and impression that [REDACTED] was the one who was initiating that rather than Mark. Most of us in the troop at that time felt that [REDACTED] was playing up to Mark for attention.

[REDACTED]

11/29/90

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 29th day of November, 1990.

*Kenneth L. Loney*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
Commission expires: 10/1/91

STATE OF ALABAMA  
JACKSON COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Scottsboro, Alabama. I am a sophomore at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Alabama. I was a member of Boy Scout Troop 122 in Scottsboro for several years. I achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1989. During my years of scouting in Scottsboro my scoutmaster was Mark Tate.

It is my understanding that a problem has arisen about whether Mark Tate is a fit person to be involved in the Boy Scouts organization. That is why I am giving this affidavit. I have always found Mark to be an excellent scout leader. He has always shown a tremendous interest in the scouts in his troop and he has been a friend as well as a leader to them and to me.

I understand that there is some question as to whether he did something with or to a former scout named [REDACTED] on a scout trip to West Virginia several years ago. I was on that trip and at that time I was a senior patrol leader. In that position I had regular contact with all of the scouts on the trip. I remember that [REDACTED] was on that trip and I have no recollection of him acting strangely or giving any appearance that anything was wrong or that anything had happened to him. I do remember that he hung around Mark a lot and my feeling at that time was that [REDACTED] was doing so voluntarily for purposes of "brown nosing". I remember clearly that the other scouts in the troop felt the same way and we generally did not like him.

Mark has never done anything during my scouting career that made me think that he was homosexual or that he ever did anything with any of the scouts that was questionable. I never heard any complaints of any kind from any of the other scouts about the manner in which Mark treated them or anything about him doing anything with them that he should not have done.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED  
before me this 25th day  
of, November, 1990.

*Ernest H. Lowry*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Commission expires: 10/1/91

[REDACTED]  
11-25-90

STATE OF ALABAMA

JACKSON COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

Come now [redacted] and [redacted] who swear or affirm that the following information is true and correct:

We are mother and son who live in Scottsboro, Alabama. [redacted] was a scout in Troop 122 from September of 1989 until July of 1990. The scoutmaster for that troop during that period was Mark Tate. A controversy has arisen in Scottsboro about whether Mark Tate has violated scout policy or procedure by violating a "one-on-one" rule and/or by being guilty of immoral conduct with one or more of the scouts including [redacted]. The undersigned are executing this affidavit voluntarily at the request of Mark Tate to explain some of the actions which Mark has taken and to deny that there has ever been any wrongdoing of any kind between Mark and [redacted].

One of the alleged wrongdoings was that Mark took [redacted] home from summer camp in the summer of 1990. [redacted] specifically asked Mark to bring [redacted] home after camp.

Another of the alleged wrongdoings is that [redacted] stayed with Mark for several days while [redacted] was in the hospital in July, 1990. Before going into the hospital [redacted] asked Mark if he would take care of [redacted] while she was in the hospital. Mark agreed to do so.

Another of the alleged wrongdoings was that Mark and [redacted] slept in the same bed while the troop was in Washington, D.C. in June, 1990. There were 3 scouts and Mark staying in the same room and absolutely nothing happened that was wrong, unusual or improper. [redacted] has no objection to the fact that Mark stayed in the same room with [redacted] or that Mark and [redacted] slept in the same bed. The other two scouts were [redacted] and [redacted].

On the Washington trip Mark had a talk with 3 scouts regarding discipline. Mark had found [redacted] and [redacted] somewhere they were not supposed to be. The three of them went to Mark's room. Mark sent [redacted] to pack his bag. When [redacted] returned Mark had a very serious talk with them about the dangers of wandering around in a large city like Washington. [redacted] and [redacted] told Mark that another boy, [redacted], had been with them so Mark sent another scout to get [redacted]. When [redacted] got there Mark had a talk with him in the hallway.

Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] have ever known Mark to do anything improper or immoral and they do not feel that he has violated any scout policies or procedures to their knowledge.

[redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
[redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
25th day of October, 1990.

Kenneth N. Looney  
Notary Public  
Comm. exp 10-1-90

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November 5, 1990

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Mark Tate

I offer the following in support of Mark. I have personally known Mark for the past 7-8 years, both as a friend and as Scoutmaster of the BSA Troop of which my son was a member of. I have also served as Assistant Scoutmaster of his troop for approximately 5-6 years.

In my positions as ASM and father, I attended nearly every function of the Troop. I can say, without any reservations, that I have never seen Mark behave in a way that would lead you to believe he acted illegally or immorally. I am not saying Mark is perfect and has never made any mistakes. However, I have known him to display bad judgement on occasion. By this, I mean, he lets his heart take charge of his brain. He is a type of person that displays affection openly. I have observed on numerous occasions, that Mark would open his heart to some of the boys in our troop, of which he felt were neglected to a certain point. Those kids that seemed to be neglected at home seemed to gravitate towards Mark because of his openness and love for kids. I have warned him on several occasions that he gets too personally involved with some of the kids and cannot replace the fathers of these boys. However, Mark is a stubborn individual and would go out of his way to prove you wrong.

I feel that in this particular instance, Mark did show a high degree of bad judgement and that this display of affection was mis-interpereted by many. I do not believe there were any sexual overtones to any of Mark's actions towards this young man, during this particular incident, nor at any other time. I feel that Mark was more or less the victim of this young man, to the point that he used Mark and Mark's position to obtain what he wanted or wanted to do within the troop. Then as Mark began to react to his attempts to manipulate Mark, he reacted in the only way he knew how, i.e., to hurt Mark.

My question is this: Why wait such a long time to bring up these accusations? As a parent, if I knew my son had been fondled or sexually approached by an adult, I surely wouldn't 3-4 years to take action.


I can remember several instances when I tried to warn Mark about the young man involved in these allegations. I tried to get Mark to realize the young man was a manipulator and con-artist. Mark fell prey to this, in that this person was playing Mark against his father and vice versa. Again, this was a time when Mark would display his stubbornness and went out of his way to prove me as well as others wrong.

I feel there was a sincere desire of Mark to help this young man, but when he began to realize he was being taken advantage of, it was too late. I believe that these allegations are a direct result of the boy beginning to realize that his game was being found out, and he reacted the only way he knew how, to continue to get attention.

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If I can be of further service, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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November 26, 1990

Mr. John T. Gauldin  
Scout Executive  
Tennessee Valley Council, No. 659

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MARK CHRISTOPHER TATE

Dear John:

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 Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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Jackson County  
Department of Human Resources  
110 E. Appletree Street  
Scottsboro, Alabama 35768  
Telephone: 574-2791

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Director

October 18, 1990

Mr. John H. Gauldin, Jr.  
Tennessee Valley Council

[REDACTED]  
Huntsville, Al. 35805

Dear Mr. Gauldin:

We have completed our investigation of the suspected sexual misconduct by Mark Tate toward various members of his scout troop. Although we were not able to substantiate actual sexual misconduct, several concerns have arisen.

Mr. Tate does have a history of spending time alone with individual boys. This has occurred on several occasions with several different boys.

Mr. Tate has shown poor judgement in some of his actions with the boys. Mr. Tate did allow some Scouts to watch a pornographic movie at his home. Another problem has been Mr. Tate's obvious picking out certain boys for special relationships and special activities. At times these relationships would grow until they became detrimental to both as exhibited by jealousy and possessiveness.

It has been noticed that Mr. Tate continues to have some contact with the Boy Scouts although not in a leadership role. He continues to attend organizational and parental meetings in local parentis for one of the boys.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Patricia B. Starling*  
Mrs. Patricia B. Starling  
Social Worker II

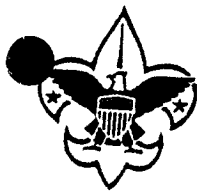
Approved:

*Drenda G. King*  
Mrs. Drenda G. King  
Welfare Supervisor I

PBS/cbc

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*For your files ref.*

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Child Welfare  
574-4111  
FAX  
259-2049

*Mark Christopher  
Tate -*

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*Scottsboro, AL*

*Jim Wilson*

SOUTHEAST REGION  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mr. John H. Gauldin, Jr.  
Tennessee Valley Council

Huntsville, Al. 35805

Dear Mr. Gauldin:

I have completed the investigation of the suspected abuse reported in August regarding Mr. Tate. The determination is "reason to suspect" sexual abuse and "indicated" mental abuse.

There was not enough evidence to conclusively establish that sexual abuse actually occurred, but there is reason to suspect that it did.

As stated in my previous letter, there is concern about Mr. Tate's relationship with some of the boys. It is felt that this relationship is a threatened impairment of their psychological or emotional well-being of these boys which is part of the definition of mental abuse.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Patricia B. Starling*  
Mrs. Patricia B. Starling  
Social Worker II

Approved:

*Drenda G. King*  
Mrs. Drenda G. King  
Welfare Supervisor I

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SOUTHEAST REGION  
50 Chastain Center Boulevard  
P.O. Box 440728  
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144  
404-421-1601

October 9, 1990

P E R S O N A L   &   C O N F I D E N T I A L

Mr. Mark C. Tate

[REDACTED]  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Dear Mr. Tate:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 3, 1990, and received in this office on October 9, 1990.

Concerning your question about allegations against you not being specified, we are advised that the allegations were given to you at the time of the delivery of the letter to you by Council Vice President Ralph Grider and Scout Executive John T. Gauldin, Jr., on August 8, 1990.

It will be necessary that we request the following prior to establishing the basis for your proposed regional review:

Please submit in writing, being careful to be explicit, why you feel that the allegations given you are in error. This is your opportunity to further detail your October 3, 1990, letter.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson  
Assistant Regional Director

JDW:mjh

!BCC: Paul Ernst  
! Bob Holt!  
! John Gauldin!  
! Hoyt Hunt!  
!Encl: Copy of Oct. 3 letter from Mark C. Tate!

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October 3, 1990

Regional Director  
Southeast Region  
BSA

[REDACTED]  
Kennesaw, GA 30144

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a letter dated August 8, 1990 which was hand-delivered to me by Mr. John T. Gauldin, Jr. on August 8. As you can see from the letter, the allegations against me were not specified. However, it is my understanding that the action was taken based upon charges that I was guilty of immoral conduct and violation of the "one-on-one" policy of BSA.

I have not been guilty of any immoral conduct and I have not violated BSA policy. Therefore, I am requesting a review hearing. I do plan to bring two individuals with me to the hearing but I am requesting the right to furnish affidavits or additional testimony in the event there are charges against me of which I am not aware. The reason I say that is that the circumstances surrounding my suspension are both vague and complicated and I am not satisfied at this time that the real reasons for my suspension have been made known to me.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

  
Mark C. Tate

[REDACTED]  
Scottsboro, AL 35768  
[REDACTED]

cc: Mr. John T. Gauldin, Jr.  
[REDACTED]  
Huntsville, AL 35805

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TENNESSEE VALLEY COUNCIL  
2211 Drake Avenue, S.W.  
Huntsville, AL 35805  
(205) 883-7071

September 11, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director, Registration Service  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
P O Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

SUBJECT: MARK CHRISTOPHER TATE

Dear Paul:

In reference to your letter of August 16, 1990 concerning Mark Christopher Tate, the Human Resources people in Jackson County have not issued a statement concerning this matter. Therefore, we are not sure if he will be indicted or not.

If he is, I will send you all the appropriate information on it. If he isn't, we will let you know so you can close the file.

Sincerely,

John T. Gauldin, Jr.  
Scout Executive

JTGJr/jh

CC: Jim Wilson



PARTICIPATING AGENCIES OF THE FOLLOWING UNITED FUNDS:  
MORGAN, MADISON, LAWRENCE, CULLMAN, COLBERT, JACKSON, FRANKLIN, LIMESTONE AND LAUDERDALE

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JULIE FIELDER

August 16, 1990

Mr. John T. Gauldin  
Scout Executive  
Tennessee Valley Council, No. 659

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MARK CHRISTOPHER TATE

Dear John:

Thanks so much for the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. I believe you acted very wisely in immediately suspending Mr. Tate from activities with the Boy Scouts of America.

We have a complete file at this time, except for the possibility of information concerning any legal action. Are there going to be charges filed against Mr. Tate? If so, we would like to have newspaper clippings or court records substantiating that. We would also like the outcome of that action.

If there is to be no legal action, please send us a note indicating that and we will close our file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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TENNESSEE VALLEY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2211 Drake Ave. S.W.

Huntsville, Alabama 35805

Phone: (205) 883-7071

August 8, 1990

Mr. Mark Tate

[Redacted]  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Dear Mr. Mark Tate:

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 that 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 refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director 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 reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

*John T. Gauldin, Jr.*

John T. Gauldin, Jr.  
Scout Executive

JTGJr/jh

Enclosure

*Added to IV file  
deleted from reg file  
8/14/90  
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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES OF THE FOLLOWING UNITED GIVERS FUNDS:  
MORGAN, MADSON, LAWRENCE, CULLMAN, COLBERT, JACKSON, FRANKLIN, LIMESTONE, AND LAUCERCALE

August 8, 1990

The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Southeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration:

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the Regional Director, Southeast Region, BSA, P. O. Box 440728, 50 Chastain Center Blvd., Chastain Center, Kennesaw, GA 30144. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been suspended.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Mark Tate

*John T. Sauls, Jr.*  
*Mark M. [Signature]*

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TENN. VALLEY COUNCIL INC. HUNTSVILLE, AL

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	#2301 - Registration Refund for 2 months registration fee	\$1.20

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT

The attached check is in payment of items described above, if not correct please notify us promptly.

**STATEMENT FROM JOHN T. GAULDIN, JR., SCOUT EXECUTIVE, CONCERNING MARK TATE:**

At approximately 3:15 p.m. on August 8, 1990, Council Vice-President Judge Ralph Grider, and I met with Mark Tate at his office (Alfa Insurance Company) on Highway 72, Scottsboro, Alabama.

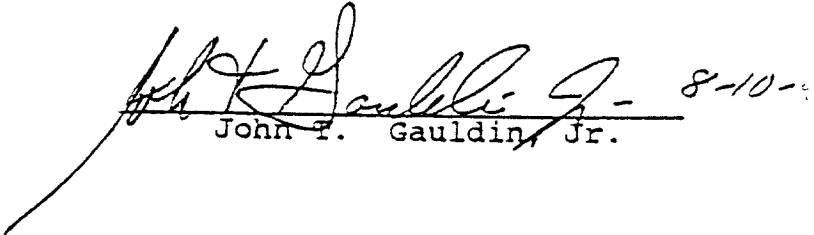
I presented Mr. Tate the letter as outlined in the 1989 REVISION OF CHILD SEX ABUSE-HOW TO DEAL WITH IT published by the Boy Scouts of America, along with a copy of the attachment as recommended and a check for \$1.20 for two (2) months registration.

After Mr. Tate read the letter and the attachment, I asked him if he fully understood the significance of the letter and he replied he did. He asked the question why we were denying his registration and I stated we had two (2) affidavits signed by two (2) young men who signified he had made sexual advances towards them and, one in particular, said he had fondled his penis.

Then I asked Mr. Tate again if he understood the significance and he stated he did. At that time, Judge Grider explained to Mr. Tate he was representing the Council as Council Vice-President and if this turned into a court case, he would excuse himself as Judge.

Prior to this meeting, Mr. Tate and one of the Committee Members of Troop 122, Marshall Stout, had held a meeting to organize a new unit. Mr. Tate said to Judge Grider and me that he would like to take care of telling Mr. Stout he would not be affiliated with the unit and he would recommend all the boys go into the other four (4) Troops in town.

At this time, Judge Grider and I left the office.

  
John T. Gauldin, Jr. 8-10-90

STATE OF ALABAMA  
JACKSON COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

My name is [REDACTED]. I reside with my parents at [REDACTED] Scottsboro, Alabama, 35768. I am a member of Troop 18, Boy Scouts of America sponsored by St. Jude Catholic Church located in Scottsboro. On June 10, 1990, I was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Prior to becoming a member of Troop 18, I was a member of Troop 122 sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. Mark Tate was the scoutmaster of that unit during the entire period that I was a member. For my on safety and general welfare it became apparent to me that I should transfer from that unit.

Shortly after I joined Troop 122 it became quite evident that Mark Tate was taking a special interest in me. He really began to start latching on to me during my first campout with the troop. This interest quickly started carrying over from scout activities to his entering into my private life.

Mark began calling my home during all hours telling me that I was his best friend. He began to start carrying me places and buying models and clothing for me. He would often carry me out to eat and rent movies either to watch in my home or at his residence. On one occasion he carried me to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, paying all my expenses. No one else was present on this trip. He used the excuse that we were going to "scout out" a possible troop trip. This trip was purely for his pleasure as it turned out as I do not remember anything that took place that was for the benefit of the troop.

Mark wanted me to be with him all the time. He insisted that I ride in the front seat of his car with him on all troop functions. He strongly objected to my being involved in any other activities other than the troop. He was very jealous of the relationship that I have with my dad. This was very evident on the troop's trip to

Charleston, South Carolina and Stone Mountain, Georgia, My dad went as an adult leader on this trip. We had a good father-son experience. Mark continually attempted to keep me away from my father and right next to him. Other scouts fathers were on this trip and he made no such demands of them.

When ever Mark was around me, he always wanted to be next to me or touching me in some fashion. He would hold my hand and give me inappropriate hugs. When sitting next to me he would attempt to rub my legs. He would call my home at night when it would be time for me to go to bed and tell me that he loved me.

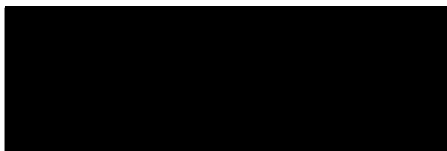
On a trip with the troop to Snowshoe, West Virginia, in 1986, Mark insisted that I share his bed and room with some other scouts. Everyone I assume was asleep with the exception of Mark and myself. Mark reached over and took my penis in his hand. I immediately struck him with my fist. His excuse was that he wanted to know how big I was. He became upset that I was so alarmed and because in his opinion I was in fact larger than him. When we returned home I told my mother of the incident and began making efforts to transfer to another unit. Mark told me that if I transferred to another unit that he would see that I did not get my Eagle.


On the night before the troop left for Snowshoe, I was assigned along with some other scouts to spend the night at Mark's residence. One of the scouts found a VCR tape that apparently belonged to Mark. This was a Johnny Holmes movie and to the best of my memory it was entitled "Girls on Fire". Someone put the tape in the VCR and we began to watch it. Mark returned from running an errand and found us watching the movie. He sat down and watched the movie with us. He did not discontinue our watching it nor did he make any attempt to deny that the movie was his. This was definitely a pornographic movie and should not have been shown to anyone much less scouts.

As I have stated earlier, Mark was very jealous of who I would be with and what I did in my spare time. He would go into rages when he did not get his way or when I would refuse to do things solely with

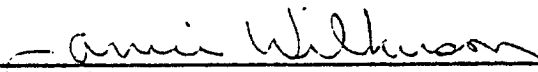
him. One one such occasion he threatened to kill himself. This took place at his residence. I was able to get his pistol from him and throw the ammunition into the toilet

I do not feel that Mark Tate is an appropriate person to be leading young men in any orgainzation. I would fear that others would be subjected to the same inappropriate touching and bizzare activity that I have. Though much of this activity did not occur during an official Scouting function, Scouting is what gave him him access to me and to others. His offers alcoholic beverages to me on numerous occasions coupled with his bizzare behavior and attempts to have sexual contact would lead me to fear for the health and safety of any that he might lead in any organiation.



Before me the undersigned appeared  and being duly sworn testified that the above information was true and correct.

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 8th day of August, 1990.

  
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