

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 1/11/88

Full name Merle R Randles  
(Use initials if you can possibly get full name)

State Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City Dresden State OH ZIP Code 43821

Date of Birth 1/ /50 (This is important and should be exact)

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

Religion Catholic Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Registered Male Nurse

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 170 Height 5 Ft Race White

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single Single Children NONE  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name NONE

Scouting connections: ID # 001681

Unit No. T121 City Dresden, Oh Position SM Date registered 2/28/87 Date resigned 12/1/87

Special recognition: Scout Key, Dist Awd Merit, Wood Badge Beads  
Silver Beaver

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: accused of sexual  
harassment of scouts.

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)

Signed William H. Kuffer  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Muskingum Valley Council  
467

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CONFIDENTIAL  
JAN 22 1988  
F. STARON  
OCT 26 '88  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

*Deleted from  
registration files  
1-20-88  
JMC*

October 27, 1988

Mr. William H. Keffer  
Scout Executive  
Muskingum Valley Council, No. 467

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Merle R. Randles

Dear Bill:

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 Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE  
OCT 27 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED

COUNCIL # 467

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: BILL KEFFER

POSITION: J E

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

Merle Randall

Call about 10:00 our time

Sent you a letter that said he would call you this week

Case is not in file, do you have?

Will call 12:30 PM  
TALKED TO J.E. WE AGREED SHOULD  
NOT BE REGISTERED AT THIS TIME.

NAME

Clair

10-13-88

DATE

10-12-88

TIME

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SCOUTING/USA

MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL NO. 467

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Box 2036 734 Moorehead Ave. Zanesville, Ohio 43701 Phone 614 453-0571  
Area 6 East Central Region

October 5, 1988

Mr Paul Ernst, Dir. Registration Service  
National Office, Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
PO Box 152079  
Irving, Tx 75015-2079

Re: Merle R Randles

Dear Mr Ernst:

Thank you for your persistence regarding this case. I apologize for the lack of response to you.

Tim Brown, Council Vice President of Program, and I met at a special meeting called at the unit meeting place, interviewed 4 scouts and their parents. We found in each case that Randles had made physical advances by touching the boys' legs, but once asked to stop by the boys, the approaches ceased. The parents and scouts were satisfied with the actions taken by the council specifically the removal of Randles from all Scouting positions.

No charges were ever pressed and therefore, no court records or newspaper clippings exist.

I will call you next week to review the above.

Sincerely,

William H Keffer,  
Scout Executive

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CONF028332

September 21, 1988

Mr. M. Gene Cruse  
Regional Director  
Boy Scouts of America, East Central Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MERLE R RANGLES

Dear Gene:

I really hate to bother you with something like this, but I have never received a complete file on the above named individual. We had received information from Mr. William Keffer, in the Muskingum Valley Council, indicating that this individual had been accused of sexual harassment of scouts.

I have written four times with no response since last January. I really need the legal action that may have occurred and any sentencing, which has been imposed. I would also like to have more information related to the case, since all we have is the short sentence on the Confidential Record Sheet.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernat, Director  
Registration Service

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READY FOR FILE

SEP 21 1988

P. MACMULLEN

CONF028333

July 19, 1988

Mr. William S. Reffer  
Scout Executive  
Muskingum Valley Council, No. 467

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MERLE RANDLES

Dear Bill:

I hate to bother you again concerning the above named individual, but I have not heard from you after writing to you three times since January. I really need more information if we are to refuse registration in the future in any council where Mr. Randles might attempt to associate himself with the Boy Scouts of America.

You did not send us any information concerning the charges against Mr. Randles. You indicated that he had been accused of sexual harassment of scouts. We need statements from individuals, newspaper clippings, court records or other material which will substantiate this statement.

Please do not hesitate to call, if we should discuss this matter, so we can bring it to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY TO -  
JUL 19 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF028334

May 18, 1988

Mr. William H. Keffer  
Scout Executive  
Muskingum Valley Council, No. 467

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MERELE R. RANDLES

Dear Bill:

This is a follow up to our previous communication concerning the above named individual. We have not heard from you since January, and wondered if anything else had occurred which would help to strengthen our file. We want to have a complete file of information which will enable us to refuse registration should an attempt be made anywhere in the country.

If this individual was accused of sexual molestation of youth, has he been arrested, have there been any newspaper clippings, or other materials which would help us to have adequate information in our file? Can you secure any statements from individuals related to this matter?

We really need some of this material if we are to have our file complete. Please let us know if we may be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE

MAY 20 1988

ERIN O'RILEY

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READY TO FILE  
MAR 23 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY.

March 24, 1988

Mr. William H. Keffer  
Scout Executive  
Muskingum Valley Council, No. 457

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Merle R. Randles

Dear Bill:

This is a follow up to my letter of January 19, 1988, concerning the above named individual. We really need more information concerning the reason Mr. Randles should be placed on the Confidential File.

Please give us in writing statements from individuals or other material which will substantiate our placement of Mr. Randles on our file for refusal of future registration attempts.

Thanks for your help.  
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

CONF028336



January 19, 1988

Mr. William H. Keffer  
Scout Executive  
Muskingum Valley Council, No. 467

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Merle R. Randles

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for the Confidential Record Sheet and the letter relating to denial of registration with the Boy Scouts of America. These are most helpful to us and certainly will enable us to start a file which will lead to refusal of registration attempts.

I am asking, by this letter, that you send me more information concerning this whole matter. We need to have statements from individuals related to this or copies of newspaper clippings or court records which give us more documentation.

If there is to be legal action, we would eventually need the outcome and any sentencing which takes place.

Thank you for your help in giving us a complete file which will help to protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

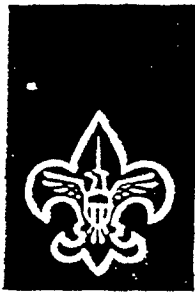
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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JAN 19 1988  
READY TO FILE

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SCOUTING/USA

MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL NO. 467

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Box 2036 734 Moorehead Ave. Zanesville, Ohio 43701 Phone 614 453-0571  
Area 6 East Central Region

mess  
NO

January 11, 1988

Mr Merle Randles II

Dresden, Ohio 43821

Dear Merle Randles:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should not be accepted for 1988. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

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 council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as BSA member should be granted.

Sincerely yours,

*Steven E. Buck*

Steven E Buck,  
Council President

SB:rm

**BOY, DO WE NEED  
SCOUTING!**

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