

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 145 Date 8/22/88

Full name Michael L. Harper
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number _____

Address _____

City Bloomington State Indiana Zip Code 47401

Date of Birth 7/57 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 37 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion E. C. Nationality _____

Occupation Deputy Sheriff

Education _____

Weight 175 Height 5/10 Race Cauc

Color of hair Red Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Married Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections: Chartered organization _____

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
E153,154	Bloomington	IN	EA MC	1985	

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Child Sexual Abuse

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed Handy A. Brown
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Hoosier Trails

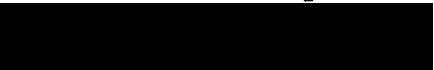
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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

February 26, 1991

READY FOR FILE
FEB 26 1991
BARBARA GOSEY

Ms. Vickie Ransberger


Indianapolis, IN 46260

Dear Ms. Ransberger:

We communicated on February 25 concerning Michael L. Harper, who had been registered in Post E2153.

We have carefully checked our files and do not have any records on microfilm that will give us information related to an application that was completed by Mr. Harper. We are sorry we could not be of help at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

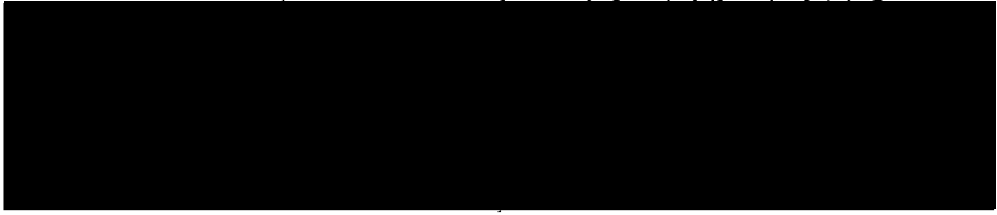
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cc: Council 145

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VICKIE RANSBERGER

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WANTS AN APPLICATION

2.25.91

October 9, 1990

Mr. Randy G. Brown
Scout Executive
Hoosier Trails Council, No. 145

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: MICHAEL L. HARPER

Dear Randy:

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: East Central Region

READY TO FILE

OCT 09 1990

ERIN O'RILEY

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Michael L. Harper was accused by female Explorers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of sexually fondling and kissing them at an Explorer Post outing at Hoosier Trails Camp Maumee on Saturday, August 20, 1988.

[REDACTED] (mother of [REDACTED]) who was serving as associate advisor at camp was told of this soon after it happened. She, [REDACTED], removed all girls from camp going directly to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department to file a complaint. She then took all the girls to their homes.

The Sheriff's Department is investigating the complaint. Sheriff Young has instructed Deputy Harper to stay away from the girls and the Explorer Post. At this time it is unknown if any criminal charges will be made against Deputy Harper.

Randy Brown

*PLEAD GUILTY
TO BATTERY*

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM
HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The following information was provided to:

MC, E 153; AA, E 154
(Name of person/position)

Spencer, Indiana 47460
(Telephone number/address)

Child's name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent's name: _____

Address: Same

Telephone No: _____

Physical indicators observed: _____

Behavioral indicators observed: Crying

Other indicators observed/known: Both girls told her they were kissed and fondled by EA, Michael L. Harper

Reporter's name and position: Randy Brown, Scout Executive

Date of report: 8/22/88 Signature: Randy Brown



HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL, DISTRICT #145

Boy Scouts Of America

BLOOMINGTON

August 22, 1988

HAND DELIVERED

Michael L. Harper Post 153

Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Mr. Harper:

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 suspend 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 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,

CHARLES HIRTH
Council President

CH/ss

Enclosure

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September 13, 1990

Mr. Randy G. Brown
Scout Executive
Hoosier Trails Council, No. 145

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT: MICHAEL HARPER

Dear Randy:

I do not find any material in my file related to the above named individual. I recently received information from another source, indicating that he had pleaded guilty in the offense of battery, causing personal injuries. This was apparently related to a game of tag, in which he fondled and kissed two Explorer teenage girls.

I am enclosing an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so we can identify Mr. Harper. It is most important that we set up a file, so he can not register in the future and cause other problems for our youth members.

I would also like to have any other material that you can send me, which would substantiate this action. If you have newspaper clippings or court records which would give us this material, they would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region

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SEP 13 1990

ERIN O'RILEY

*Added to IV file
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office

September 6, 1990

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: **INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FILE**
MICHAEL HARPER
HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL # 145

FROM: Debra Duhs
Risk Management

TO: Paul Ernst
Director, Registration

An Ineligible Volunteer File should be created for Michael Harper. The attached correspondence, mostly from the victims attorney, will provide you with some background information.

In May, 1990, Nick Ivy, a member of the Council Executive Staff, Hoosier Trails Council, phoned to advise me that Deputy Sheriff Michael Harper, an Assistant Post Advisor, had been accused of making sexual advances to two female members of the Post during an overnight outing. Mr. Ivy was told that they were playing a game of tag in the woods, and in separate instances, Harper tackled, fondled and kissed the two girls.

cc: Randy G. Brown, S.E.
Hoosier Trails Council, #145

CONF006705

JIM YOUNG
SHERIFF OF MONROE COUNTY
301 NORTH COLLEGE
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47301

May 7, 1990

Hoosier Trails Council
Boy Scouts of America
[Redacted]
Bloomington
Indiana, 47401

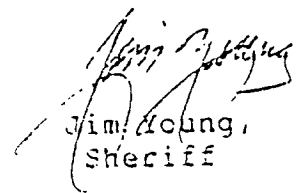
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of a communication recently received from Robert A. Smith, attorney, concerning a claim being demanded on the part of his client [Redacted] a former Explorer.

The communication is self-explanatory and contains the names and addresses of the Monroe County attorney and insurer, for your direct communication.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Jim Young,
Sheriff

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BISHOP SMITH & BISHOP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

8840 WOODFIELD BOULEVARD, SUITE 300

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46240

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A BISHOP SMITH COMPANY

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DIRECTOR
(317) 469-8010

May 1, 1990

James Young
Monroe County Sheriff
Monroe County Sheriff's Department
[REDACTED]
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

RE: My Client [REDACTED]

Dear Sheriff Young:

Enclosed please find my demand letter for settlement of the [REDACTED] claim. As I have indicated to Mike Harper, you are respectfully requested to turn this matter over to the insurer for Monroe County, as well as the insurer for the Explorer Scouts, with whom the Sheriff's Department is affiliated in the program in which the [REDACTED] girl was a participant.

Unless I hear back from the insurer within thirty days, I will place suit on file against you, the Sheriff's Department, Mike Harper, and the Explorer Scouts. I am willing to cooperate in a resolution and settlement of this claim. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT A. SMITH

RAS/dkg

Enclosure

cc: Susan Ganz

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BISHOP SMITH & BISHOP

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11440 WOODHILL DRIVE, SUITE 100
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47403

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OF COUNSEL
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(317) 469-4010
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(317) 469-2400

May 1, 1990

Michael L. Harper

Bloomington, Indiana 47401

RE: My Client Susan Ganz

Dear Mr. Harper:

As you are aware, on or about August 20, 1988, at the Maumee Campground, Jackson County, Indiana, you committed a tort upon my client, [REDACTED], a minor. I previously gave you a Tort Claims Notice on February 15, 1989. I am enclosing a copy of that Tort Claims Notice.

You have now plead guilty to the offense of battery, causing personal injury. With this admission, demand is hereby made for settlement of the claim of [REDACTED] for the statutory limits of \$300,000.00.

I recommend that you turn this matter over to the insurer for Monroe County, as well as the insurer for Explorer Scouts. Unless I hear from the insurer for the County and/or the Explorer Scouts, within thirty days of the date of this letter, I will place suit on file against the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Department, against you personally, and against the Explorer Scouts.

I am willing to negotiate a compromise and settlement of the claims of [REDACTED]. I make this demand upon you in order to initiate settlement discussions. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

RAS/dkg

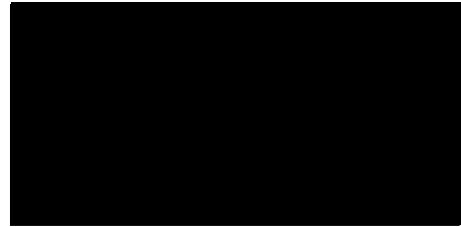
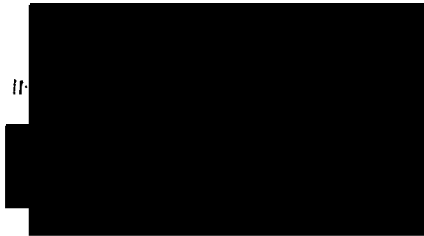
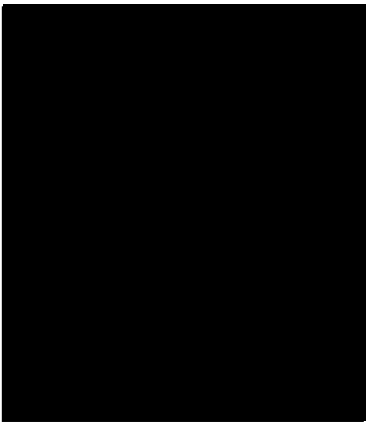
ROBERT A. SMITH

Enclosure

cc:

[REDACTED]
James Young, Monroe County Sheriff
David B. Schilling, Monroe County Attorney
Monroe County Board of Commissioners

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February 15, 1989

Professional Corporation

HAND DELIVERY

Board of Commissioners of Monroe County
c/o Phillip Rogers, President
Office of the Board of Commissioners
Courthouse
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

David B. Schilling
Monroe County Attorney
Courthouse
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

James Young
Monroe County Sheriff
Monroe County Sheriff's Department
[Redacted]
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Mike Harper
Monroe County Deputy Sheriff
Monroe County Sheriff's Department
[Redacted]
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Indiana Risk Management Fund
[Redacted]
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Honorable Linley E. Pearson
Indiana Attorney General
[Redacted]
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: Notice of Tort Claim

Dear Sirs:

This letter serves as a Tort Claim Notice pursuant to Ind. Code 34-4-16.5-1, et seq.

Notice of Tort Claim
Page Two
February 15, 1989

1. Name and address of claimants: [REDACTED] a minor, by her mother, [REDACTED] and her father, [REDACTED]; the address of the claimants at the time of this claim and at the time of the occurrence is: [REDACTED] Ellettsville, Indiana 47429;

2. Date of birth of [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

3. Date of occurrence: August 20, 1988;

4. Location of occurrence: Maumee Campground, Jackson County, Indiana;

5. Entities against which claim is made: Sheriff's Deputy Mike Harper; County of Monroe and the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, c/o Phillip Rogers, President, Office of the Board of Commissioners, Courthouse, Bloomington, Indiana 47401; James Young, Sheriff of Monroe County, [REDACTED] Bloomington, Indiana 47401; Indiana Risk Management Fund, [REDACTED] Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; County Attorney for Monroe County, David B. Schilling, c/o Courthouse, Bloomington, Indiana 47401;

6. Summary of facts and circumstances: On August 20, 1988, [REDACTED] was attending an Explorer camping trip to the Maumee Boy Scout Camp in the Monroe-Jackson area. Deputy Harper made advances to [REDACTED] against her will, and then proceeded to fondle and touch her in a lude manner, all against her will.

Such action by Deputy Harper constitutes assault and battery, and infliction of emotional distress upon [REDACTED]. Said incident also caused severe emotional distress for [REDACTED] mother and father.

Medical bills have been incurred by way of counseling and treatment for the emotional distress, in amounts not yet ascertainable. The medical bills are expected to exceed \$300,000.00. Furthermore, the parents of [REDACTED] have also been damaged, in that they have incurred counseling expenses as a result of the incident, in amounts not yet ascertainable.

Very truly yours,

LEWIS, BOWMAN, ST. CLAIR & WAGNER

Robert A. Smith
ROBERT A. SMITH

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