

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE August 27, 1987

FULL NAME Mike D. Hardesty SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY Stillwater STATE Oklahoma ZIP CODE 74074

DATE OF BIRTH 02/03/56 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION N/A NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION City of Stillwater

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 135 HEIGHT 5'6" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS beard

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>
<u>80570 Troop 831</u>	<u>Stillwater</u>	<u>Ok</u>	<u>S.M.</u>	<u>May 20, 1986</u>	<u>May 1, 1987</u>
<u>80520 Pack 831</u>					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Arrested for Lewd Molestation of a 10 year old boy.
Happened through Big Brother Organization.

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):

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Charles R. [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Will Rogers

July 6, 1988

Charles A. Rager
Scout Executive
Will Rogers Council, No. 473

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mike D. Hardesty

Dear Charles:

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: South Central Region

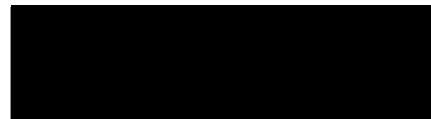
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Will Rogers Council

Boy Scouts of America



June 10, 1988


Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service, BSA
Box 152079
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75018-2079

Dear Paul,

Enclosed are two news articles on Mike Hardesty. This should close the case.

If you have any questions, or need more information; let me know.

Sincerely,


Charles Rager
Scout Executive



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Hardesty Gets Five Years In Child Molestation Case

By Sharon Wright
NewsPress Staff Writer

For the second time in less than a month, a local man has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term for child molestation.

Seated in a wheelchair and wearing dark glasses, Michael Hardesty, 32, was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Charles Headrick Tuesday at a hearing in district court.

Hardesty's attorney, Melissa Delacerda, said her client had been hospitalized since last Wednesday with severe migraine headaches and related dizziness. Those problems, plus strong medication, accounted for the wheelchair and dark glasses, she said.

Delacerda urged the court to impose a suspended sentence, or one that could be served in the county jail, along with psychological counseling, for Hardesty.

She brought to court a petition bearing nearly 100 signatures and 16 letters of reference, which urged a sentence that would allow Hardesty to remain in his hometown.

In addition, Delacerda pointed out that the 10-year-old vic-

tim's mother has said she would prefer that Hardesty receive psychological treatment, rather than go to prison.

But a pre-sentencing report by a probation officer with the state department of corrections recommended an unspecified length of prison time for the former Big Brother volunteer and Boy Scout leader.

Hardesty was convicted of molesting a boy who had recently joined his Boy Scout troop.

"I feel something has been taken away from the child (victim) that cannot be replaced," the officer explained when questioned by Delacerda.

Prosecutor Frank Muret asked for a maximum, 10-year sentence, noting that Hardesty has never acknowledged committing the crime or needing treatment for pedophilia.

"He is a predator who was using our society and our children" for his own sexual gratification, said Muret.

In assessing Hardesty's five-year sentence, Headrick said that "The court is convinced that the defendant ... intended to commit the act with which he was charged."

More Traffic Controls Set For Deadly McElroy Area

A fatal car-pedestrian accident on McElroy near the Oklahoma State University laundry, along with a petition from concerned neighbors, is resulting in more traffic regulation for the street.

OSU Police Chief Everett Eaton said the department's immediate reaction to the accident that killed Ning Feng Yang on April 27 was to increase enforcement of the speed limit on the street.

Robert Bruce Andrew, 19, of Perkins was charged in May with negligent homicide after police estimated his speed at 53

put a flashing signal near the laundry.

Eaton said Wednesday he plans to ask Stillwater's Traffic Authority Board to lower the speed limit to 25 mph.

He's also recommending a program to connect the sidewalks along the street, and a long-range program to install fences and hedgerows along the street "to keep children from throwing things into the road and also force people to use the sidewalks and crosswalks."

He also wants the crosswalks to be more clearly marked.

Eaton added the department

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A June manslaughter case involving a Stillwater man who died in April 1987 dealt with the date change.

Assistant District Attorney Frank Muret said the date change could not be used to testify in the case.

Muret said the case was rescheduled September 13, 1988, and that state's witness David Jr., 23, can be called to testify against David Jr.

Doty is charged with manslaughter of Ebert E. Eissenstat, who died in April 1987 from a head injury sustained when Doty struck him with a bar.

Causley, the prosecutor in the case, said without leave from the army post for a month.

Cushing Given

OKLAHOMA Six Oklahomans, including a Cushing resident, were honored today for their efforts to fight alcohol abuse in the state.

The awards were presented by the Oklahoma Department of Alcoholism and Gov. Henry Bellmon. The awards are given by OAAADA and the Department of Mental Health.

Those honored include Cushing, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Norman and Norman.

John Mayfield, president of the Oklahoma Department of Alcoholism, said the awards were given for "pion-

jurors to view it.

Suicide Try By Hardesty Is Failure

Convicted child molester Michael Hardesty attempted unsuccessfully to commit suicide about noon Wednesday, according to Payne County Sheriff Carl Hiner.

Hiner said Hardesty broke a spoon during lunch in the jail and used its jagged edges to cut his wrists.

Jailers called an ambulance and Hardesty was taken to Stillwater Medical Center, where he was treated and released in time to appear at a previously scheduled hearing at which he waived a 10-day waiting period before transfer to the state prison system.

On Tuesday, Hardesty was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Charles Headrick, who presided over a non-jury trial requested by the defendant.

After sentencing, Hardesty had indicated he would prefer to remain in the county jail for the 10-day waiting period.

Later, however, Hardesty decided to waive the waiting period, according to his attorney, and a special hearing to confirm that decision was scheduled Wednesday afternoon.

Hardesty will be transported to the Lexington prison assessment center Friday, Hiner said.



Will Rogers Council

Boy Scouts of America

May 4, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

Reference to your letter requesting information on Mike Hardesty. I have enclosed a news story from the March 28th Stillwater News-Press.

As soon as I find out anything after May 27th, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Rager".

Charles Rager

cc: South Central Region



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MAR 25, 1988
Michael Hardesty
Is Found Guilty

Judge Charles Headrick found Michael Hardesty, 32, guilty of lewd molestation Friday morning.

But Headrick delayed sentencing until May 27 in order to receive the results of a pre-sentence investigation to be completed by the Department of Corrections.

The report will recommend probation or incarceration for the convicted man.

Hardesty was charged in May 1987 with fondling two boys whom he met as a local Scout leader and Big Brother volunteer. *See news-press*

April 28, 1983

Mr. Charles A. Rager
Scout Executive
Will Rogers Council, No. 473

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mike D. Hardesty

Dear Chuck:

This is just a follow-up to our previous communication concerning the above-named individual. Our last communication indicated that he was going to trial on March 21. We wondered if there had yet been a resolution of this legal matter.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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D. WOODBURN

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COUNCIL # 473

PHONE NO: _____

CALLER: CHUCK

POSITION: SE

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

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MIKE HARDESTY

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DATE

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TIME

March 3, 1988

Mr. Charles A. Rager
Scout Executive
Will Rogers Council, No. 473

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mike Hardesty

Dear Chuck:

We appreciate the information you sent us last fall concerning the above named individual.

I would like to know if the legal action has now been completed. If so, we would like to have sentencing which was imposed. This would complete our file and give us all the information necessary for refusing registration should any attempt be made.

If we can be of any help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

mdw

cc: South Central Region

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September 3, 1987

Charles A. Rager
Scout Executive
Will Rogers Council, No. 473

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mike Hardesty

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet you recently sent us concerning the above named individual. This is very complete and will help us to identify Mr. Hardesty if he should register in another location.

Please keep me informed of the outcome of the legal action. We would like to know what type of sentencing is imposed. This information will give us a complete file which will lead to refusal of registration wherever an attempt might be made.

If you have a copy of an application we would like to have his signature on file. This will strengthen our file for identification.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

mdw

cc: South Central Region

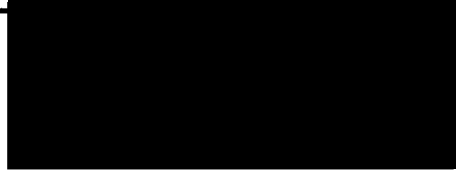
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Will Rogers Council

Boy Scouts of America



August 3, 1987

Wayne Taylor
South Central Region, BSA
Box 152325
Irving, Texas 75015-2325

Risk Mgmt
Attention: Harold Flesch, 5402
8/12/87
LWD

Dear Wayne,

Enclosed are three newspaper articles concerning Mike Hardesty. Two are from the Stillwater newspaper and one from the Daily Oklahoman.

As you can see from the articles Mike returns to court on Sept. 25th.

I have talked to Ken Newkirk, and he told me that he has not had one person talk to him about the articles after they came out in the paper.

I will let you know if anything new develops on the case.

Sincerely,

Charles Rager
Socut Executive

cc: John Raley
Council Attorney

RISK MANAGEMENT
AUG 17 1987



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THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN 7/30/87

Man Faces Trial In Molestation

By Patti Weaver

STILLWATER. — A former Boy Scout leader and Big Brother volunteer here was ordered Wednesday to stand trial on a charge of molesting a 10-year-old member of his Scout troop.

Mike Hardesty, 31, Stillwater, showed no reaction as Special District Judge Lois Belden issued the ruling here after a daylong hearing.

The Stillwater boy, now 11, testified Hardesty molested him April 26 at Hardesty's home after a camping trip unrelated to scouting.

Another 15-year-old Stillwater boy, who was on that trip, testified that Hardesty, who had been his Big Brother, molested him on several occasions when he was 12. He testified he saw Hardesty molest the younger boy in the tent where they were sleeping with Hardesty and the boy's older brother at Lake Carl Blackwell west of Stillwater.

Stillwater police detective Pam Potaczek, who arrested Hardesty May 1, testified that he told her he might have accidentally touched the younger boy while checking his pulse on his lower abdomen.

He denied he had ever touched the boy, who had been assigned to him in the Big Brother organization.

Hardesty admitted molesting another boy and said, "I need help," the detective testified.

Hardesty, who faces a maximum 20-year prison term, is free on \$10,000 bond pending his trial court arraignment Sept. 25, assistant district attorney Leslie Ebersole said.

Stillwater
News Press
7/29/87

Molestation Trial Opens, Boys Testify

By Sharon Wright
NewsPress Staff Writer

Two boys, ages 11 and 15, testified this morning that they were repeatedly fondled by a Stillwater Boy Scout Leader and Big Brother volunteer who has been charged with lewd molestation.

The defendant, Mike Hardesty, 31, met the older boy on a Big Brother-sponsored campout three years ago, the boy said. Later, Hardesty became his Big Brother.

The younger boy said he met Hardesty last March, when he and his brother joined a local Boy Scout troop that Hardesty led.

The 15-year-old testified that Hardesty began fondling him about a year after they first met, when the boy was 12. "He (Hardesty) called it 'giving me a pink belly,'" the boy said.

Hardesty repeatedly fondled the boy — rubbing his belly and touching his private parts — until the youngster fought him over the behavior. The youngster said he kicked Hardesty in the groin and told him to stop.

After that incident, the boy said, Hardesty tried to fondle him one more time, then never attempted it again.

Hardesty took the two boys who testified and a brother of the younger one on several camping trips to Blackwell Lake this spring, they said. On the last of these outings, Hardesty "began acting weird," said the older boy.

The boy explained that Hardesty repeatedly sent the two older boys away, leaving himself alone with the youngest. Fearing that Hardesty would molest the 11-year-old, the older boy said, he took the child aside and described what might happen. And the youngest boy's older brother advised him to tell their mother if Hardesty molested him, according to testimony.

Later that weekend, the younger child told his friend that Hardesty had "made him pull his pants down and whipped him," then fondled his private parts, according to both boys.

When the children returned home, the younger boy told his mother what had happened. The boy's mother testified that she later told the executive director of the Big Brother organization about the incident and police were notified.

Testimony will continue in the preliminary hearing this afternoon.

Stillwater
NewsPress
7/30/87

Arraignment Date Is Set For Hardesty

By Sharon Wright
NewsPress Staff Writer

Since an investigation began into allegations that Stillwater resident Michael Hardesty fondled two boys whom he met as a local Boy Scout Leader and Big Brother volunteer, at least a half-a-dozen children have made similar allegations against Hardesty, according to Assistant District Attorney Leslie Ebersole. No decision has been made on whether to file additional counts of molestation against Hardesty, she said.

However, a judge ruled late Wednesday that Hardesty must stand trial for lewd molestation involving the two boys whose allegations initiated the case.

Hardesty is free on \$10,000 bond. He returns to court Sept. 25 for arraignment on the charge.

At the preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon, attorneys questioned Stillwater police officers about statements that Hardesty made following his arrest May 1.

Police testified that Hardesty said he needed psychological counseling and admitted fondling the younger brother of an 11-year-old who had already alleged that Hardesty molested him.

Hardesty denied molesting a third boy, now 15, who testified Wednesday that Hardesty repeatedly fondled him when he was about 13, according to police.

The mother of the two brothers Hardesty allegedly molested testified that Hardesty made "almost daily" visits to their home from early March until

the end of April.

After a few weeks, her 11-year-old son began to have sleepless nights, "bad dreams," and crying jags "for no reason," she said.

Following Hardesty's arrest, police told the mother that he had admitted to questionable contact with more than one child in the family, she said.

When she questioned the younger boy, who is 8, the child made a number of allegations against Hardesty, she said. The incidents allegedly occurred during a single visit the 8-year-old made to Hardesty's home in rural Stillwater last spring. Her older children confirmed that Hardesty had sent them away from the house, leaving him alone with the younger boy, she said.

Two of the three children who have alleged that Hardesty molested them also said Hardesty threatened them, according to testimony.

Big Brother Director Jacqueline Jones said that the 15-year-old told her that Hardesty warned him that he "would never get another Big Brother if he told" that Hardesty had molested him.

The mother of the eight-year-old said her son reported that Hardesty had threatened "to kill him when he got out of jail" if the boy told others of the molestation.

August 10, 1987

Mr. Charles Rager
Scout Executive
Will Rogers Council, No. 473

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mike Hardesty

Dear Chuck,

On May 8, 1987 we wrote to you concerning the above named individual. We asked for a Confidential Record Sheet so we can identify Mr. Hardesty should he attempt registration at some other location. Please send us the Confidential Record Sheet so that we will have all the necessary personal information.

Also, we would like to know the outcome of any legal action which has taken place by this time. It is necessary to have all the information we need to protect the youth of America.

I am looking forward to hearing from you with any information that is available. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

mdw

cc: South Central Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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May 8, 1987

Mr. Charles A. Rager
Scout Executive
Will Rogers Council, No. 473

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mike Hardesty

Dear Chuck:

We recently received information concerning the above-named individual. I have been given a copy of the information which you sent to Wayne Taylor in the South Central Region. We appreciate this information and believe it will be helpful to us in refusing registration, should attempts be made in some other location.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so that we may identify Mr. Hardesty should he attempt registration somewhere else.

Please let us know if a trial takes place and the outcome of legal action; this will then complete our file.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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Enclosure

cc: South Central Region
Mr. Wayne Taylor, Asst. Regional Director, South Central Region

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Paul Ernst

Boy Scouts of America

May 3, 1987

Mr. Wayne Taylor
South Central Region, BSA
[REDACTED]
Irving, Texas 75015-2325

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed, for your information, are the following:

- 1) Copy of Warrant issued on Mike Hardesty;
- 2) Copy of information from Ken Newkirk of the background he has, to date;
- 3) Copy of letter that was hand-delivered to the jailer at the Payne County Jail, Saturday, May 2, 1987, by Chuck Rager, Clarence Cunningham, District Commissioner, and Alan Wetzel, Unit Commissioner. The letter was delivered at 9:30 A.M. We were told by the jailer that Mike was in jail, but that we could not see him, and that he, the jailer, would take the letter to Mike.

This is all the information I have at the current time. I will keep you informed of anything further that happens.

If you have any questions or need more information, give me a call.

Sincerely,

Charles Rager
Scout Executive

NOTE: Mike Hardesty, [REDACTED] Stillwater, OK 74074, was Scoutmaster of Troop 831, sponsored by the Pleasant View School PTO, Stillwater, OK. Charter renewal date: 5-31-87.

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F. STARON



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Gordon Lewis

Wednesday April 29, 1987

Received a phone call about 2:30pm Wednesday April 28th from Jacque Jones, Director of Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Stillwater informing me that charges of child abuse had been made against Mike Hardesty, Scoutmaster Troop 831 who also a Big Brother. Mrs Jones stated that she had scheduled an interview with [REDACTED] and his mother [REDACTED] for 3:30pm that day, and suggested that Boy Scouts should be represented. After contacting Chuck Rager, S E I went to the BB/BS office.

At the office I met Officers Ronald Thrasher, and Pat Paulnick (not correct spelling), who were present to interview subjects. After visiting with officers they stated that they would make a decision on how to proceed following the interview. I asked what my place would be in the interview today and they stated NONE. I asked if I could be of any help at that time. they said no, and that they would contact me as soon as they knew something. I indicated my full willingness to cooperate and my need to know results as soon as possible due to week end district Camporee where subjects might be involved.

I then left before the subjects arrived.

During this conversation I understood that Mike H. has a law suite pending with his employer, City of Stillwater concerning Workmans Como. I also understood [REDACTED] to tell me over the phone that [REDACTED] and M. Hardesty were introduced by [REDACTED]. Jones mentioned that [REDACTED] said Mike had tried something with him. he told him to get lost. I found out, Thursday morning (see below) that this was [REDACTED] through BB whose name is [REDACTED].

Thursday Aril 30, 1987

9:30am; Went to visit with [REDACTED] at BB/BS Office. Following are notes from our conversation based on her conversation with [REDACTED] Mother [REDACTED] and Mrs Jones's knowledge of the facts.

There are two brothers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] enrolled in BB program but not assigned as Brothers to Mike H. Mothers name is [REDACTED]. Mrs Joes stated today that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been referred to BB by Mike H. after he supposedly met them in Boy Scouts. Mike H. has also referred [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in similar manner. Mike H. Has as assigned [REDACTED]

According to Mrs Jones, [REDACTED] called her and reported

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the following. [REDACTED] had spent several nights at different times at Mike H. residence. Following one of these events, [REDACTED] found [REDACTED] writing the statement "Mike Hardesty is Gay" after talking it seemed that during the last overnight [REDACTED] had been punished for not doing some shores Mike H. had assigned him, by taking down his pants and spanking him on the rear, in the process Mike H. also flicked [REDACTED] penis on several occasions. [REDACTED] did not witness any of this... The mother feels more happened..... Following this discovery [REDACTED] Called [REDACTED] and asked if anything like this had happened to him. [REDACTED] stated that one time Mike H. tried, and he kicked him and told him not to try again. The Boys also stated that Mike H. has a male roommate, and has only one bed in the bed room.

When [REDACTED] arrived for wednesdays interview she stated that she had been called by DHS and instructed have [REDACTED] there for interview at 8:00am Thursday April 30. [REDACTED] Mrs Jones nor the officers seemed to know how D H S Knew about it.

As of 12:30pm I am waiting a call from officers.

5/1/87 1:20pm

Talked by phone to District Attourney Paul Anderson about an hour ago. I said, off the record, that he had taked with investigators and if everything was as athey said he would file charges today. As I will be at camp-o-ree I aske him to call Chuck Rager.

Ken Newkirk D S E

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

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COURT CLERK
PAYNE COUNTY, OKLA.

vs.

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MIKE HARDESTY

Defendant

S. ANDRA H. NESS
COURT CLERK

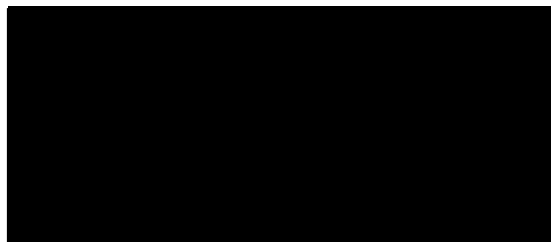
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PRELIMINARY
INFORMATION

In the name and by the authority of the State of Oklahoma, Paul R. Anderson, District Attorney of Payne County on his official oath gives this Honorable Court to know and be informed that on or about the 26th day of April, 1987, and prior to the filing of this Information, the Defendant (s), **MIKE HARDESTY**, did, in Payne County, State of Oklahoma, commit the crime of **LEWD MOLESTATION**, in the following manner and fashion by wilfully, wrongfully, unlawfully,

intentionally, designedly, knowingly and feloniously, look upon, touch and feel of the body and private parts of of one [REDACTED], a male child under the age of sixteen years, in a lewd and lascivious manner, by then and there manipulating his penis, said acts being accomplished in a private place, to-wit: [REDACTED], in the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma. The said defendant being then and there a male person over the age of eighteen years, to-wit, thirty-one (31) years of age and being then and there three years or more older than the age of the aforesaid [REDACTED] ten years of age, in violation of Title 21, OSA, Section 1123 (2),

contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided against the peace and dignity of the State of Oklahoma.





Will Rogers Council

Boy Scouts of America

May 1, 1987

Mike Hardesty

Stillwater, OK. 74074

Dear Mike,

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.

You should understand that BSA leadership 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 measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA strives to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA Leader should be reinstated.

Sincerely,

Duane Wilson

Duane Wilson
Council Vice-President

cc: Charles Rager, Scout Executive
Ken Newkirk, District Executive
Wayne Taylor, South Central Region, BSA
David Abbott, PTO President



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Will Rogers Council

Boy Scouts of America



May 3, 1987

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South Central Region, BSA
Irving, Texas 75015-2325

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Scout Executive

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RISK MANAGEMENT

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Thursday Aril 30, 1987

9:30am; Went to visit with Mrs Jones at BB/BS Office. Following are notes from our conversation based on her conversation with [REDACTED] Mother [REDACTED] and Mrs Jones's knowledge of the facts.

There are two brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] enrolled in BB program but not assigned as Brothers to Mike H. Mothers name is [REDACTED]. Mrs Joes stated today that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been referred to BB by Mike H. after he supposedly met them in Boy Scouts. Mike H. has also referred [REDACTED] in similar manner. Mike H. Has as assigned Brother [REDACTED].

According to Mrs Jones, [REDACTED] called her and reported

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the following. [REDACTED] had spent several nights at different times at Mike H. residence. Following one of these events, Mrs Wilson found [REDACTED] writing the statement "Mike Hardesty is Gay" after talking it seemed that during the last overnight [REDACTED] had been punished for not doing some chores Mike H. had assigned him, by taking down his pants and spanking him on the rear, in the process Mike H. also flicked [REDACTED] penis on several occasions. [REDACTED] did not witness any of this... The mother feels more happened..... Following this discovery [REDACTED] Called [REDACTED] and asked if anything like this had happened to him, [REDACTED] stated that one time Mike H. tried, and he kicked him and told him not to try again. The Boys also stated that Mike H. has a male roommate, and has only one bed in the bed room.

When [REDACTED] arrived for wednesdays interview she stated that she had been called by DHS and instructed have [REDACTED] there for interview at 8:00am Thursday April 30. [REDACTED] Mrs Jones nor the officers seemed to know how D H S knew about it.

As of 12:30pm I am waiting a call from officers.

5/1/87 1:20pm

Talked by phone to District Attourney Paul Anderson about an hour ago. I said, off the record, that he had talked with investigators and if everything was as they said he would file charges today. As I will be at camp-o-ree I aske him to call Chuck Rager.

Ken Newkirk D S E

WARRANT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PAYNE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

FILED
COURT CLERK
PAYNE COUNTY, OKLA.

vs.

1987 } MAY -1 PM 3:11 No. CRF-87-207

MIKE HARDESTY

S. THORA H. MESS
COURT CLERK

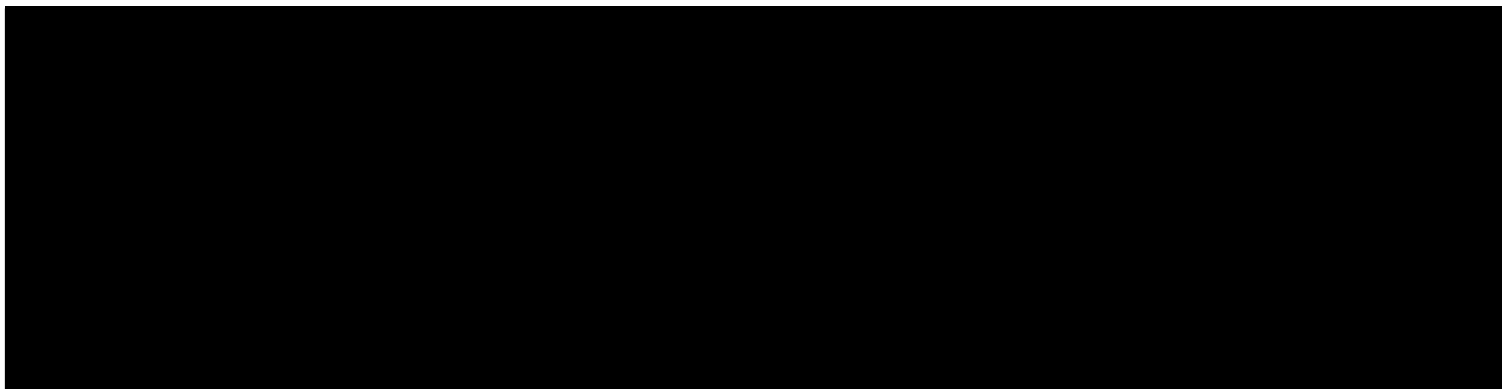
Defendant


PRELIMINARY
INFORMATION

DEPUTY

In the name and by the authority of the State of Oklahoma, Paul R. Anderson, District Attorney of Payne County on his official oath gives this Honorable Court to know and be informed that on or about the 26th day of April, 1987, and prior to the filing of this Information, the Defendant (s), MIKE HARDESTY, did, in Payne County, State of Oklahoma, commit the crime of LEWD MOLESTATION, in the following manner and fashion by wilfully, wrongfully, unlawfully,

intentionally, designedly, knowingly and feloniously, look upon, touch and feel of the body and private parts of of one [REDACTED] a male child under the age of sixteen years, in a lewd and lascivious manner, by then and there manipulating his penis, said acts being accomplished in a private place, to-wit: [REDACTED], in the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma. The said defendant being then and there a male person over the age of eighteen years, to-wit, thirty-one (31) years of age and being then and there three years or more older than the age of the aforesaid [REDACTED] ten years of age, in violation of Title 21, OSA, Section 1123 (2),





Will Rogers Council

Boy Scouts of America

May 1, 1987

Mike Hardesty
[REDACTED]

Stillwater, Ok. 74074

Dear Mike,

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.

You should understand that BSA leadership 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 measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA strives to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA Leader should be reinstated.

Sincerely,

Duane Wilson

Duane Wilson
Council Vice-President

cc: Charles Rager, Scout Executive
Ken Newkirk, District Executive
Wayne Taylor, South Central Region, BSA
David Abbott, PTO President



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