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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE March 8, 1971

FULL NAME Paul A. Hightower
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 227 Norfolk Street

CITY Dorchester STATE Massachusetts ZIP CODE 02124

AGE 23 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY Irish

OCCUPATION Truck Driver - Security Guard

EDUCATION Unknown

WEIGHT App. 250 lbs COLOR White HEIGHT 5'6" App.

COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES unknown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Ham Radio

Believed to be in Seminary at one time

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

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T215	So. Boston	Mass	SM	1968	4/70
T212	So. Boston	Mass	SM	1968	present
T211	So. Boston	Mass	ASM	89	"
F 212	So. Boston	Mass	AE		"

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

In the Spring of 1969 at Thompson's Island camping grounds Hightower sexually assaulted Scout [redacted] age 11. Hightower admitted this. He also has admitted masturbating in front of Scouts at various times at troop meetings.

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Boston

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CALL TO PAUL HIGINTOWER STATING
WE WOULD SUGGEST WAITING UNTIL HE
HAS SOLVED OLD LEAD FOR SEVENTH
BEFORE HIS AGAIN ATTEMPTS TO
REGISTER.

Paul Ernst

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Belmont — Waltham — Watertown Mental Health Assn., Inc.

BEAVERBROOK GUIDANCE CENTER

115 MILL STREET

BELMONT, MASS. 02178

484-5240

RE: Paul Hightower
August 13, 1973

Director of Registration Services
Boy Scouts of America,
New Brunswick, N.J.

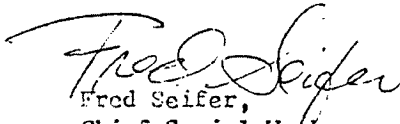
Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Paul Hightower who I treated in psychotherapy for about a year at Family Counseling and Guidance Center, 49 Franklin Street, Boston. (treatment was terminated in May, 1972)

I understand from talking with Paul recently that he is now interested in becoming involved in programming for a troop. (troop no. 212 in South Boston) Although Paul had many problems which in the past would have made it inadvisable for him to pursue such an activity, I feel that the emotional growth which has taken place in him over the past two years as a result of his therapy and his marriage leave me feeling confident that he will be able to make an important contribution in the scouting field. I sincerely believe in Paul and consider him a fine person who is certainly worthy of another chance.

If there is any more information I can give you about this matter, please feel free to either write or call me.

Very truly yours,


Fred Seifer,
Chief Social Worker

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4 August 1973

9 Bailey Street

Dorchester, Massachusetts 02124

Director

Registration Services

Boy Scouts of America

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Within the past two months, your department received an application from me to be a Troop Committeeman for Troop 212, South Boston, Boston Council, District 2. This application was refused because your records indicate, that in February 1971, Boston Council notified you that reports of my involvement with a boy sexually in the troop were received by them. The incident in question took place five years ago in October of 1968 when I first began the Troop.

In March of 1971, when the incident became known, Court action followed. A suspended sentence was issued depending on my agreeing to psychiatric therapy. This was agreed to, and since I had already begun such therapy at my own initiation; the court agreed to my therapist and my cost rather than the Court's.

This application you received last month is for the same Troop with which I was previously Scoutmaster. About two months ago, I was approached by Mr. Joseph Abban, The Institutional Representative, and Mr. Arthur Paige, the new Scoutmaster of the Troop. They had just lost their previous Scoutmaster, my replacement. During those past 2½ years, The troop's outdoor program and advancement program had all but died. The enrollment of active members went from 45 boys to 9 active members. The Camping program was nil, except for a couple of trips the Asst. Scoutmaster took charge of. The Troop Leaders are now planning an

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extensive recruiting program in their area and approached me to enlist my assistance in this revitalization of the troop.

These Leaders are family men, with boys of their own in the troop, who are clearly aware of what transpired when I was Scoutmaster. They were my Assistants, the last two years of my tenure. They feel there is no longer any problem existing regarding my association with the Boys, and have even allowed their sons on camping trips with me. They are Willing to write you in this regard if you should request. Their addresses are on the Troops Charter.

I have worked with Youth Activity groups since I was a teenager myself. Although never a player participant in the program, while in High School, I was a coach, manager, League President and Public Relations Manager for the South Boston Little League at different times. I was also active in the Red Feather Volunteer program as a Day Camp Counselor and Neighborhood House worker in South Boston.

After High School, I went to Cardinal O'Connell Seminary and St. John's Seminary in Boston to study for the Priesthood. While there, I was active in the Apostolic Program assisting Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese and tutoring at Schools on my Days Off. During all of this time there was no problem such as what happened in the troop.

When I left the Seminary, due to a problem scholastically, I learned of the attempts to form a troop in my neighborhood. Since at that Time I planned on returning to the Seminary, after a year's leave, I asked if assistance was needed and signed as an ASM. Two months later, I was Scoutmaster.

During my five years as Scoutmaster, My Troop qualified for the National Camping Award each year, showed continued upward advancement, and a full activity program co-operating with Council activities. In my last

year as Scoutmaster, I was awarded the Scoutmaster of the Year award in my District. When the incident became public, I voluntarily offered my resignation to the Troop Committee rather than have them have to request it.

After I left the Troop, on a purely personal basis, I continued Camping trips with different boys who had been in the troop, with the full consent of their parents who knew all the circumstances surrounding the incident. These trips were to places such as Washington D.C., Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire. Again, there was no incidents or problems on these trips. During these last few years I have encouraged boys to stay in the program even though it was almost non-existent and achieve advancement at their own initiative. This past November, I married a girl from Jamaica Plain, and we now make our home in Dorchester.

You may ask, Why do I want to return to the Scouting Program. There are two reasons.

First, I admit I did something terribly wrong, and never have denied that fact; but through therapy, I was able to see the underlying causes, and it is no longer a problem for me. I feel a person should be judged on an overall look at him, not on just one item, but in the same regard, I can understand and appreciate your responsibility to the youth in Scouting to protect them. But Again, I can assure you there is no further problem and can document this. How Many other Scoutmasters can?

Mr. Fred Seipher, who was my therapist at the Family Counseling Service in Boston at the time I was seeing him, is sending you, in a separate letter, his feelings on this matter and an evaluation of whether he feels I should become active in the program again. I Have requested this of him, but do not have any idea exactly what he will say. I feel I have something to offer Scouting. The Adult leaders of the troop must feel this way also, since they were the ones to approach me about attempting to return.

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The Second reason is more of a selfish one really; We all want recognition for what we do. I was recognized during my tenure as a good Scoutmaster, barring this incident. If I am in a position to help Scouting again, I would like to have that official recognition on my record as a committeeman. Also, If my children want to be in Scouting, I would want to be an active part of it with them.

In closing, I know this is a long letter. I have no desire to ever be a Scoutmaster again. Maybe a notation could be made in my records not to be registered as SM or A.M.

I feel I have to 'sell myself' to you. You don't know me or the type of person I really am. You can only go on what you have in black and white and what information you may receive from the Boston Council, who are aware of the efforts we are making, and who have been consulted in this regard. To make an affirmative decision to reregister me is, I know, a serious one and one to be very much deliberated. I know you will weigh all the information before you do decide.

May I Make two more suggestions. First, after discussing this with the Troop Leaders, I have requested that whenever I am at Troop meetings, activities or trips, that an adult be with me at all times, not that there may arise any problem, but so there will never be any question on it. Second, I am willing to come to New Brunswick, If this would expediate matters at all , to answer questions you may have or just talk to you about this. I am sure a time mutually agreeable to both could be arranged.

If there is anymore I can add or any questions I may be able to answer, please do not hesitate to call mee at 1-617-825-0897 at my home between 9-3pm. I would welcome any call that might speed up your decision or answer any questions you may have.

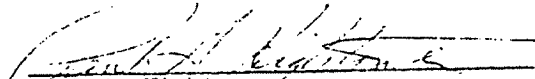
Thank you very much for beeing patient enough to read this

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letter, and my sincere thanks to you for anything you may be able to do in this matter.

Yours,


Paul A. Hightower

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June 26, 1973

Mr. Robert C. Birkemeier
Scout Executive
Boston Council, No. 227

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
RE: Paul Hightower
Committeeman, Troop 212

Dear Mr. Birkemeier:

You recently sent us the Scouter application for Paul Hightower, 9 Bailey street, Dorchester, Massachusetts, to serve as Committeeman of Troop 212 in District 2. We regret to inform you that we cannot accept Mr. Hightower's application. I am sure you will recall that Mr. Theodore P. Accas, Deputy Scout Executive placed this individual with us on the Confidential File on March 8, 1971.

We are herewith enclosing a credit notice of \$2.50. Kindly delete Mr. Hightower's name from your records.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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Encl: credit notice

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Mr. Ernst:
This is the same man!
Shall I refund him?
Sheila YES
6/21/75

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ER ID NO MESSAGE
33 PAUL HIGHTOWER IS ON CONFIDENTIAL FILE AS PAUL HIGHTOWER

Sheila YES
6/21/75

No. 28-501

ADULT APPLICATION

PACK NO: _____
 TROOP NO: 212 OR COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION: _____
 POST NO: _____
 SHIP NO: _____

FULLY TRAINED

DISTRICT NO. 2

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES
 NAME—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST AND LAST NAMES

PAUL HIGHTOWER

AGE: 26 POSITION: MC
 UNIT CODE: _____

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

9 BAILEY STREET

BOYS' LIFE CHECK ONE
 NEW LEADER FORMER LEADER

CITY: DORCHESTER STATE: MA ZIP CODE: 02125 REG. DATE: 5-11-73

HOME PHONE: SM-TR 212 PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND: BOSTON
 OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: Dispatches - Couriers Corp. SIGNATURE: Paul Hightower

REGISTRATION FEE: \$2.50 BOYS' LIFE FEE: _____ TERM (MONTHS): _____
 UNIT EXPIRATION DATE: MONTH A YEAR 74 APPROVAL: Arthur J. Paige

If you have an unexpired registration certificate from another unit or position, you may register with no fee. Check this box and attach the certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE

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March 11, 1971

Mr. Theodore P. Accas
Deputy Scout Executive
Boston Council, No. 227

Personal and Confidential
Re: Paul Hightower

Dear Ted:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above
Scouter. We have placed this information in our file.

This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Hightower,
should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration and Subscription

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March 4, 1971

Mr. Theodore P. Accas
Deputy Scout Executive
Boston Council, No. 227

Personal and Confidential
Re: Paul Hightower

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your letter of February 24 and the enclosed signed statement by Mr. Hightower, Scoutmaster of Troop 212 and Associate Advisor of Post 2212. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible along with an explanation as to what exactly happened, resulting in Mr. Hightower's resignation. This information is important for future reference and will also enable us to identify him, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

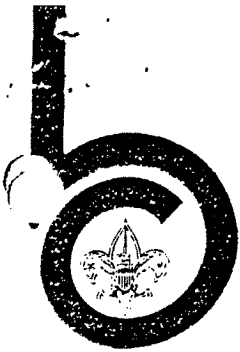
Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration and Subscription

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Enc. Record Sheet

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891 CENTRE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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February 24, 1971

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DEPUTY SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Mr. Earl Krall
Director of Registration Service
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Earl:

We request that you immediately place on the Confidential File Mr. Paul Hightower, age 23, currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 212, South Boston, and Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 211, South Boston.

His address is 227 Norfolk Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts 02124.

Please forward to me the necessary forms to complete.

Cordially,

Theodore P. Accas
Theodore P. Accas
Deputy Scout Executive



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
PAUL HIGHTOWER
IS REGISTERED WITH THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 212

SOUTH BOSTON MA

SCOUTMASTER

TO THE LAST DAY OF

227 APRIL 1971

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND IS VOID AFTER EXPIRATION DATE. IT MUST BE SHOWN LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR WHEN PURCHASING UNIFORM

James D. ... PRESIDENT
Michael ... CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

NO. 28-405



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
PAUL HIGHTOWER
IS REGISTERED WITH THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 213

SOUTH BOSTON MA

SCOUTMASTER

TO THE LAST DAY OF

227 APRIL 1970

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James D. ... PRESIDENT
Michael ... CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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23 February 1971

Chairman Wieliczkiwicz & Committee
of Troop 212, ESA.

The job of Scoutmaster, as you are aware, deals with three main areas. One, developing an outdoor program for the boys; second, developing in the boys, citizenship and loyalty to their country; and third, that of developing character.

In the first two aspects of the job, I feel I have accomplished the goals of Scouting. The third aspect though, leaves a lot to be desired. As a Scoutmaster I have been negligent in my duty of teaching character and cleanliness of the mind as well as the body.

For the past year now, a shadow has hung over the troop and myself. Because of rumors and allegations concerning an incident a year and a half ago, the troop has suffered, your boys have suffered and Scouting in this area has suffered.

It is too late now to correct the past. That incident coupled with recent discussions with the boys and suggestive actions have brought me to this point where I have been asked to resign.

It was my intention to resign after Summer Camp. This was the basic reason for insisting on more parent interest and co-operation in the troop. The last thing I wish is for the troop to fold up. I realized the adverse effect I was having in the area, but was not able to finish as I had planned.

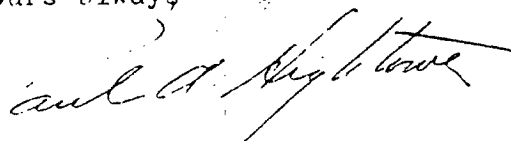
I cannot offer excuses or a defense. It would be of little use now. I can only ask that you members and the other parents in the troop that I have been privileged to associate with and call my friends, I ask that while you must look with disdain upon some of my actions, that you will also consider and look at my accomplishments and actions which have been done in a good light.

All my time, all my efforts and time have been for one purpose, your son, his troop, and Scouting. This has been my whole life for the last two and a half years.

If it were possible to come to a reconciliation I would like nothing more, but I know there would always be that stigma of the past over my head, there would also be the lost respect for me by the boys, and there would always be the mistrust towards me in the minds of parents.

I offer my apology for what it is worth, for the harm I have caused. I ask only your forgiveness and pardon. I have lost your friendship, I cannot ask for your continuance of that.

Yours always



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