

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 7-28-86

FULL NAME RICHARD E. LAWRENCE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY FAIRFAX STATION STATE VIRGINIA ZIP CODE _____

DATE OF BIRTH 6-00-55 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 31 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION _____

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT _____ HEIGHT _____ RACE _____

COLOR OF HAIR _____ COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE None

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
1346	EUROPE	VA	ASM	CURRENT	→ 7/24/86

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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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JUL 31 1986

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MAR 23 1987
JOSEPH L. ADAMS

Signed _____
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Capital Area #82

December 18, 1986

Burke Connection

Scout Leader Sentenced In Teen Sex Offenses

By **MARIA KOKLANARIS**

THE CONNECTION

A former Burke Boy Scout leader convicted of sex crimes against five teen-age boys was sentenced last week to 10 years in the state penitentiary followed by one year in the county adult detention center.

While his victims, who attended the proceedings dressed in scout uniforms, rejoiced with their parents, and his mother cried in the back of the courtroom, Richard E. Lawrence, 31, of Fairfax Station, received five years in the penitentiary for each of four felony counts of sodomy, and one year in the adult detention center for each of three misdemeanor counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Technically, Lawrence received 23 years, the maximum for these crimes, but 10 years of the penitentiary term and one year of the detention center term will run concurrently, reducing the actual sentence to 11 years.

Lawrence, who was convicted in 1982 of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after sodomy charges were brought against him, will not be eligible for probation. However, he may be eligible for parole after

three to four years in the penitentiary, according to the presiding judge.

The maximum sentence was delivered despite last-minute testimony from two psychologists who said Lawrence should be admitted to a treatment center rather than sent to prison.

But in closing statements, Commonwealth Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. said Lawrence's acts were clearly criminal and should be dealt with accordingly. Horan filled in for Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Scott A. Smeal, who had handled the case since Lawrence was arrested July 17.

"He [Lawrence] performed illegal sex acts with five young boys aged 13 and 14," Horan said. "He is, in a word, a corrupter. Insidiously, without compunction, he used his position as a scout leader to work his perversion on these kids.

"He told them watching X-rated films is acceptable. . . he told them bisexuality is acceptable. . . he told them homosexuality between a 31-year-old man and teen-age boys is acceptable. If that's not corruption, the word has no meaning."

In his closing arguments, defense at-

torney Robert Whitestone said that although Lawrence had "violated the trust" of the five boys, he had done so with their consent; thus he was not the only one to blame.

"They [the boys] were led into this involvement," said Whitestone. "They were not pushed."

Turning to Lawrence before handing down the sentence, Judge Lewis H. Griffith said, "We don't know the extent of the harm you have caused. . . that makes my responsibility much more difficult."

Said Lawrence, "I regret that these immoral acts took place, as well as the emotional trauma I know I have caused. I did care for these boys. . . I'm very sorry."

Outside the courtroom, the victims and their families cried joyously and hugged each other.

"It's over," said one mother. "It's finally over."

But another mother was less convinced.

"It's only over legally," she said. "It's not over emotionally. We have to go through counseling. We have to suffer with this the rest of our lives. Who knows how long it will take for these wounds to heal."

March 26, 1987

Mr. Paul Davis
Scout Executive
National Capital Area Council, No. 82

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Lawrence
Arthur W. Alexander

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouters. We have reviewed these cases with our Attorney and have now placed these men on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE

MAR 25 1987

SHIRLEY MEYER

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National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

March 4, 1987

Mr. Richard N. Rogers
Director of Field Service
National Capital Area Council, No. 82

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Lawrence

Dear Rich:

Over a period of time, we received from you information concerning the above-named individual. This man had been charged with some sexual acts with youth.

We now understand that Mr. Lawrence has been convicted and we would like to have, in writing, the conviction that took place either in letter form from you or by newspaper clippings. We would also like to have the sentencing which may have been imposed upon Mr. Lawrence. This will then complete our file and give us all the information we need for refusing registration should attempts be made at any time in the future.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Paul Davis, Scout executive, Council No. 82
Northeast Region

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Northeast Region

MAR 4 1987

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RICHARD LAWRENCE

Call 11-17-86 From Frank Hill;
P-BLK REATONS-

INDICATED Call From J. E. G 82

CONVICTION TOOK PLACE 11-14-86

Paul Ernst

NEWS ALERT

Date: July 21, 1986

Signed: *Frank Miller*

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Ext: 2212

Source: Carolyn Horowitz, Reporter
CONNECTION Newspaper
Burke, Virginia

The facts:

On Thursday, July 17, Richard E. Lawrence, age 31, was arrested on charges of child abuse. Mr. Lawrence is registered as an assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 1326, Burke Presbyterian Church. Burke is located in Fairfax County, Va., National Capital Area Council #82.

Mr. Lawrence is accused of abuse with three 14 year old Scouts. He first registered with the troop in January 1985. No previous registration record available.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 11.

National Capital Area Council is aware and working with unit. All parents in the troop have been apprised of the situation.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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PAUL N. STRASSELS

BURKE, VIRGINIA 22015

July 24, 1986

Mr. Richard Rogers
National Area Council
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Rich:

I want to get this information to you, in writing, prior to my departure to Goshen. I certainly can use a week of summer camp.

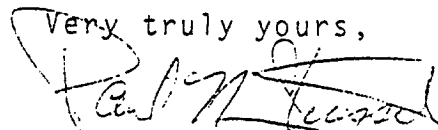
As you know, there has been a great deal of publicity concerning the alleged misconduct of Richard Lawrence, an assistant Scout Master in my Troop (#1346, Burke, Virginia). I am enclosing two recent newspaper clippings for your files.

At this point, the Troop has not been contacted by either the police or social services. I would suggest that Mr. Lawrence's registration be pulled pending resolution of this matter, and that National be advised to place his name on a list of those ineligible to be Boy Scout leaders.

I have called the editor of Boys Life in Texas to apprise him of the matter because the magazine just finished a profile on the troop's High Adventure. They may still run it, writing around the problem.

I understand that a hearing date for Rick Lawrence has been set for Monday, August 11. I will keep you informed of any further events.

Very truly yours,



Paul N. Strassels
Interim Scout Master
Troop #1346
Burke, Virginia

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Scout leader faces sex charges

A 31-year-old Fairfax Station man was arrested and charged late Thursday afternoon with sexually assaulting three 14-year-old Burke boys, police said.

Richard E. Lawrence of the 11000 block of Chapel Road was the boys' Boy Scout leader, according to Fairfax County police.

He was charged with four counts of aggravated sexual battery on incidents dating back to July, November and December of 1984 and to April

of this year. Police said the incidents occurred at the house Lawrence shares with his parents on Chapel Road.

Police searched the home Thursday and seized several items that are being analyzed now.

Lawrence was taken to the Fairfax Adult Detention Center, where he was held in lieu of \$5,000 bond. His preliminary hearing has been set for Aug. 11. Additional charges may be pending.

Fairfax Man Faces Sex Charges Involving 2 Burke Boy Scouts

A Fairfax County man has been arrested and charged with four counts of aggravated sexual battery in alleged incidents involving two 14-year-old Burke boys whom the man met while he was the leader of their Boy Scout troop, officials said.

Fairfax police said they began investigating Richard E. Law-

rence, 31, of 11314 Chapel Rd. in the Fairfax Station area of the county after another scout leader alerted a social service agency.

The incidents allegedly took place in July, November and December 1984, and April 1986 at the Chapel Road address where Lawrence lives with his parents, police said.
