

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE September 15, 1987

FULL NAME RICHARD E. MERILA SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Indianapolis STATE Indiana ZIP CODE 46201

DATE OF BIRTH 10/55 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 33 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Methodist NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Steak Stop - Dishwasher

EDUCATION No diploma from High School

WEIGHT 200 lbs. HEIGHT 5'10" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES ?

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Great with children - Helpful

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>
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION Den Leader Training Award?

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Sexual abuse of 3 Scouts - Charges only made in 1 case. Court case pending.

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):

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTED

SEP 29 1987

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F. STARON

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

RS-509

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Signed [Signature]  
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council [Signature]

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**SCOUTING**  
*Indiana's Leader-Builder*

March 30, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director Registration Service  
National Office, Boy Scouts of America

[REDACTED]  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

Richard E. Merila, subject of many letters between you and me, pled guilty to three counts of child molestation in Criminal Court #5 on March 4, 1988.

I am informed by Melinda Haag of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office that he was sentenced to seven years on each count to run concurrently. She expects that he will probably be released after three and one half years and subject to counseling.

The Cause # is CR87-108E.

Sincerely,

*Donald P. Smith*  
Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service

cc: A. John Bosio

DPS/slw

**CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

[REDACTED] • Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 • [REDACTED]  
Anderson • Hagerstown • Indianapolis • Muncie

April 8, 1988

Mr. A. John Bosio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Merila

Dear Gus:

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

PE/mdw

cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE  
APR 05 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF014023

January 19, 1988

Mr. A. John Bosio  
Scout Executive  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Merila

Dear Gus:

Over the last year we have received the information we have in our file about the above-named individual. This has been most helpful to us, but we still need the final outcome of any legal action which may have taken place.

We must have the final conviction and sentencing, if this took place, for our file so that anyone in the future can refuse registration when an attempt is made.

Thank you for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE  
JAN 19 1988  
ERIN ORILEY

CONF014024

October 14, 1987

Mr. Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Merila

Dear Don:

Thank you for sending me the Confidential Record Sheet which enables us to identify Mr. Merila should he try to register in some other location. This information will be most helpful to us in the future.

I would like to have the outcome of the legal action which is pending. Please give us this information when it is available and that will complete our file and enable us to refuse a registration anywhere in the country.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region  
A. John Bosio, Scout Executive, Council No. 160

READY TO FILE

OCT 15 1987

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF014025

August 23, 1987

Mr. Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECTS: Richard S. Merila &  
Michael Alter

Dear Don:

This is in response to your letter of August 23 concerning the above-named individuals. I hope you can supply us with the necessary information so we may set up a file to refuse registration should an attempt be made at a later time.

I am sending you an additional Confidential Record Sheet so you have this available for your use. Please complete these sheets with as much information as you have available, which will lead to identification.

I am also returning to you copies of the newspaper clippings which you originally sent us.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Encls.

cc: East Central Region  
A. John Bosio, Scout Executive, Council No. 160

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

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August 20, 1987

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
National Office, B.S.A.  
[REDACTED]  
Irving, TX 75038-3096.

Dear Paul,

Forgive me for not responding immediately to your request on completing the Confidential Record Sheet (RS-509) on subjects Richard E. Merila and Michael Alter.

My problem at this point is that I failed to keep copies of information that we sent before. If you would be so kind as to mail me back copies of such information, I will be happy to fulfill your request.

Sincerely,

Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service

DPS/slw

ROESCH-RANSBURG SCOUT SERVICE CENTER ...



THANKS TO YOU  
UNITED WAY WORKS  
FOR ALL OF US



CONF014027

August 5, 1987

Mr. Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Merila

Dear Donald:

We had previous communication concerning the above named individual. I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet. Please complete this so we can identify Mr. Merila should he try to register at another time.

Also, we would like to know if the legal action is being completed. This information will be helpful in our file to substantiate our refusal of registration attempts. Any newspaper clippings or court records giving this information would help complete our file.

I am enclosing a copy of the maintaining standards of leadership in case you did not receive it in accordance with your request of June 22.

Let me know if we can be of any help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

mdw  
Enclosures

cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE

AUG 06 1987

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF014028



CA/160

June 30, 1987

Mr. Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service  
Crossroads of America Council, No. 160

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard E. Merila

Dear Donald:

Thank you for sending me the information concerning the above-named individual. The newspaper clipping is most helpful to us. We are enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like completed, so that we may identify Mr. Merila should he move to some other location and try to register with the Boy Scouts of America.

We would also like to know the outcome of any legal action which takes place so that we may have this for our files. This will be most helpful to us should neither you or I be on our present jobs when a situation would arise.

Thanks for your help in completing the file so that we may protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region  
Mr. A. John Gosio, Scout Executive, Council 160

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C3013-055192

READY TO FILE  
JUN 30 1987  
ERIN O'RILEY

Added to CF file  
7-2-87  
Deleted from all  
regional files



SCOUTING/USA

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 22, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service  
National Office, Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]  
Irving, Texas, 75062-1296

Dear Paul,

*RICHARD E. MERILA*

Enclosed are copies of two newspaper articles on different individuals that we feel should be listed on the confidential file.

If further information is needed please let me know.

Sincerely,

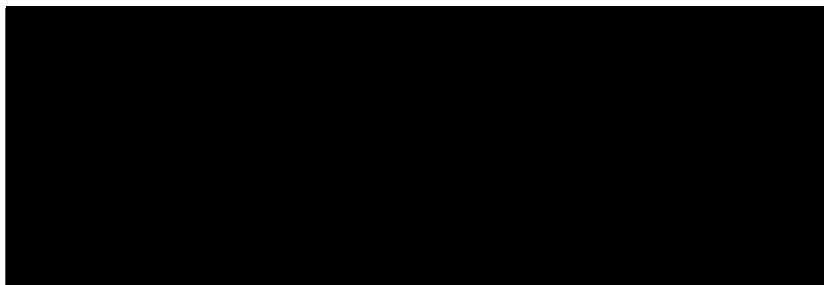
*Donald P. Smith*

Donald P. Smith  
Director of Field Service

P.S. May I have a copy of the maintaining standards of leadership?  
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DPS/slw

ROESCH-RANSBURG SCOUT SERVICE CENTER . . .



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JUN 25 1987

F. STARON

THANK TO YOU  
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CONF014030

FRIDAY, May 22, 1987

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

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## Scout leader admits he molested a Cub

By JOSEPH T. HALLINAN  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Indianapolis police arrested a Cub Scout leader Thursday on a charge of molesting a 10-year-old member of his Cub den.

Police said the man, ~~Richard E. Merila~~ 31, admitted fondling a 10-year old boy while the child was spending the night May 9 at Merila's home in the 200 block of North Walcott Street.

Detective Steven R. Guthier said Merila also admitted to molesting a 14-year-old Scout, but Guthier said he has not yet confirmed this with the alleged victim.

Merila was charged preliminarily with one count of child molesting, a Class C felony with a maximum sentence of eight years, and was held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Guthier said Merila was in charge of a den of five Webelos scouts belonging to Pack 13, which is sponsored by East 10th Street United Methodist Church. Webelos are a rank in the Cub

Scouts program held by some fourth- and fifth-graders.

Guthier said the boy told his mother about the incident and she called the child-abuse hotline. The case was then referred to the Police Department.

Guthier said he interviewed Merila Thursday morning after picking him up at a Near-East-side restaurant where Merila works as a dishwasher.

"He confessed to fondling the 10-year-old; plus he named another victim," Guthier said.

Merila has been associated with the Cub Scouts about five years, said A. John Bosio, an executive for Boy Scouts of America, Crossroads of America Council.

Bosio said that if Merila did admit to molesting a child, he would be removed from the organization.

"There's no question that if he did this, he's not the kind of person we want associated with the Boy Scouts of America," Bosio said.

COUNTY  
MORTON

TROOP 5-0013

DISTRICT  
PIONEER

CHARTERING ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS  
EAST TENTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEETING PLACE AND DAY  
MURCH MON

SIGNATURES:

SEC OFFICER CERTIFICATION  
*[Signature]*

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

UNIT LEADER CERTIFICATION  
18 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE

DR NO HL POS NAME

Y SA TIMOTHY W BAKER

Y SA ROBERT J BROWN

MC WALTER DEBAUM

SC DANIEL W GILLAHAN

SM ROBERT M HARTER

MC RICHARD E MERILA

SA W DILL L MOATS

CHARTER RENEVAL  
NAME AND NUMBER LOCAL UNIT NO. STATUS

6-160 51-11577

Unit-5-0013

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Richard E Merila

COUNCIL 160

CITY INDIANAPOLIS

TERM (MONTHS) RENEWAL 5/88

COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

LITV AWARD EARNED

SISTERING ON TIME

TRAINED FOR B/L 100%

TERM BEGINS 05/88

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*  
C Council 4/85  
Entry 4/87  
CC Robert Merila  
Handicapped  
ADULT MEMBER LISTING

ADULT MEMBER LISTING

CITY	STATE	ZIP	BIRTH	SEX	PHONE
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46225	03/68	M	
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46201	05/37	M	
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46201	10/42	M	
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46219	09/49	M	
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46201	06/33	M	
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46201	10/55	M	

PD YOUTH B/L SUBS	PD ADULTS	MULTIPLE ADULTS	PD ADULT B/L SUBS	TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED
20	18	4	2	\$ 26200
2	18	4	2	\$ 11870
2	18	4	2	\$ 3000
2	18	4	2	\$ 1324