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February 28, 1989

Mr. W. Hartley Pierson
Scout Executive
Lincoln Trails Council, No. 121

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard D. Harrison

Dear Hartley:

Thanks so much for the Confidential Record Sheet on the above named individual. Any other information you can give us related to this individual would be most helpful in identifying him should he attempt registration at a later date.

We would like written statements from the individuals who told you about these charges or newspaper clippings, court records, or other material from the legal authorities. Any of these items would help to substantiate our refusal of registration in the future.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

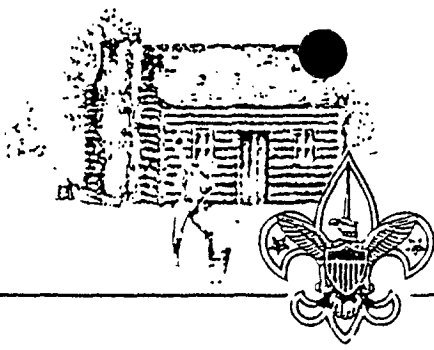
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
EAGLE SCOUT SYSTEM
INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER CHECKING MATCH REPORT - N.E.S.A. MEMBERS

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		HARKNESS	DRAKE	V
	JEFFREY HARRISON	HARRISON HARRISON	J JOHN	GARY
	J S HARRISON JR	HARRISON HARKINS HARKNESS	J MICHAEL DRAKE	J V
	JAMES R. HARRISON, JR.	HARRISON HARRISON HARRISON	J JOHN LYNN	GARY M
	JOHN W. HARRISON, JR.	HARRISON HARKNESS HARRISON HARRISON	J NED LYNN RICHARD	M M D
	JOHN W. HARRISON	HARRISON HARKINS HARKNESS	J MICHAEL DRAKE	J V
	J. WADE HARRISON	HARRISON HARKINS HARKNESS	J MICHAEL DRAKE	J V
	LAWRENCE D HARRISON	HARRISON HARKINS HARKNESS	L MICHAEL DRAKE	J V
	LOUIS D HARRISON	HARRISON HARRISON	L JOHN	GARY
	LEWIS A HARRISON	HARRISON HARKNESS HARRISON HARRISON	L NED LYNN RICHARD	M M D
	MARK HARRISON	HARRISON HARKINS HARKNESS	M MICHAEL DRAKE	J V
	MARION F HARRISON	HARRISON HARRISON	M JOHN	GARY
	MIKE HARRISON	HARRISON HARRISON	M JOHN	GARY
	NIC M. HARRISON	HARRISON HARRISON	N JOHN	GARY
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THE FOLLOWING 3 PAGES ARE -
NOTES FROM WM. MCNUTT -
MEMBER OF COUNCIL BOARD / LOHO
SAT IN ON THE ORIGINAL
INTERVIEW

His letterhead is copied below:

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

Re: Lincoln Trails Council - Boy Scouts of America

On August 25, 1988, I was contacted by Mr. Don Dickerson, Assistant Scout Executive. He was requesting, in behalf of the council, legal advice to deal with an allegation of child sexual abuse by an assistant Scout Master at Troop 25, sponsored by the Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois.

In behalf of the Lincoln Trails Council, I attended a meeting at the Council Headquarters on that date at approximately 4 P.M. Present were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] me. Also present was a [REDACTED] who waited downstairs in the waiting area.

Briefly, the facts as related by these three individuals is as follows. [REDACTED] recently deceased, [REDACTED] was married to [REDACTED]. Their children include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was formerly married to one Richard Harrison (age 56) from 1954 through 1962. He has formally been Assistant Scout Master and Scout Master. He is presently Assistant Scout Master of Troop 25, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the Grace United Methodist Church.

[REDACTED]

As related by [REDACTED] and by [REDACTED] Richard Harrison sexually abused [REDACTED] during the time that [REDACTED] and subsequently thereafter. The abuse apparently continued until each child was of adult age.

The parties brought with them a box of what they termed "evidence". It contained a whip, a device that appeared to be a wrist or ankle shackle, approximately three movie containers of movie film marked "[REDACTED]". The parties related that the film was pornographic. The box also contained a Polaroid camera.

[REDACTED] stated that this was

██████████ property left at ██████████ residence. It had been recently discovered, due to the death of ██████████ and going through her personal effects. ██████████ also displayed two standard audio cassettes and several Polaroid photographs. The audio tapes were represented to be recordings of his sexual advances to other children. The photographs reportedly depicted ██████████ in various poses, in her underwear or without clothes. She said that these were taken by Richard when she was younger. She also related that ██████████ had seen a scrapbook of photographs of young children in various stages of undress, allegedly owned by Richard Harrison.

██████████ stated that approximately two years ago, ██████████ also said that Richard Harrison had abused her.

Don and I encouraged them to take their "evidence" to the Macon State's Attorney's office. We stated that we would review the situation, and take the steps that we deemed appropriate in behalf of the Boy Scouts of America.

Reviewing applicable statutes, it appears that the Statute of Limitations with regard to the sexual offenses has expired. They would expire within one year of the victim reaching the age of eighteen. ██████████ was the only one present who was claiming that she had been abused, and she was approximately 30 years old, it would appear that the Statute of Limitations had expired with regard to her.

A review of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, reveals that there probably is no duty on the part of the Boy Scouts to report this incident. The Statute talks in terms of the obligation of certain persons "having reasonable cause to believe a child known to them in their professional or official capacity may be an abused child or a neglected child", must be reported. However, the definition of child under Section 20-53 is any person under the age of eighteen years. Since this is not present abuse, I doubt very much whether or not that there is a requirement that this must be reported.

However, I did recommend to Don that a call be made to the local DCFS office (telephone number ██████████) and that he consult with one of the child abuse specialists. He could then inquire as to whether or not a report need to be made based upon the general facts that have been related to us.

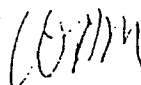
The conclusion reached after consulting all sources, including the Procedures Manual issued by the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, was that the following would occur:

1. A letter of suspension would be issued to Richard Harrison, with an attached copy of the Rights to Appeal.

2. The letter would be hand delivered to him today.

3. Other than inquiring with DCFS, no further current steps would be taken with regard to this case.

WAM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WAM' with a stylized flourish.

We, the undersigned, came into the Boy Scout office on Thursday, August 25 and brought information concerning the deviate sexual conduct of Richard D. Harrison.

We have no first hand knowledge that he had any relations with any youth in the Scouting program. However, we feel, because of our knowledge of his actions in the past, that there could be a possibility in the past or in the future that a member of Scouting might be involved.

Our information was brought forward to assure that his actions would hurt no one else.

August 26, 1988

Please print:

Name

Address

City

Phone

Relationship

Signature

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION (8/25/88)

- all information was given freely
- few questions were asked except to secure names and relationships, or to facts in their proper perspective
- information seemed to be given so we would remove him from Scouting so nothing would happen with boys
- no information was relayed that anything happened with any Scouts, but [redacted] psychiatrist relayed that a person with these actions would do similar things with either sex.
- they seemed serious about taking whatever legal action was necessary

Gene Stanley is said to have told [redacted] e was not fit to take over troop (this took place shortly before Stanley died of cancer)
[redacted] just died -8/18/88-she was [redacted] grandmother)

[redacted] (any actions happened while she was a youth)

[redacted] said last 8 years she has not spoken to him (lives in Oregon)
has been seeing psychiatrist

[redacted] said his previous actions has "messed up her life"

[redacted] said not a day goes by she doesn't think about his actions

[redacted] now had photos of herself taken in various stages of undress which were
[redacted] taken by him (sent to her by [redacted] found in his trailer)

[redacted] knows [redacted] have had the same encounters with him

[redacted] feels [redacted] s feel the same as she does

[redacted] said [redacted] found pictures of "about 30 other women" in trailer

[redacted] know he took moview of them bathing thru half-closed door

he mostly used polaroids, explaining no development necessary

seems many pictures were takes with their knowledge

[redacted] has not spoken to him in 2 years

[redacted] when could not put up with actions, but did not realize he
was taking liberties with [redacted]

[redacted] feels the Scouts should know to avert any action with youth

[redacted] has called states attorney and plans to take information/material to
them

Material consists of:

hand cuffs (key operated)

hand cuffs (leather)

2-3 canisters of moview (8MM?)

Polaroid camera

wire cable (coiled- 5 ft.?)

pack of pictures [redacted] /with fact darkened by pen)

several audio cassettes

All but the pictured were found in the basement of the recently
deceased [redacted] while going through her personal effects.

The finding of these items prompted their morning call to the office
(Aug. 25, 1988) with the intent to bring the facts to our attention.

Donald L. Robinson
S.R. DUT EXEC

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Authorities in Decatur who have been presented the details:

Sexual Abuse Center "Growing Strong" program

Saw the three ladies Friday Morning Aug. 26, 1988

- confirmed her feeling all information presented was factual

- relayed the information about the next two contacts

Detective Richard Hazen of the Decatur Police Dept. is reported to have accepted the physical items to impound for possible future use. The police department is to create a file of this information for use if there is ever a complaint against him.

1st Assistant States Attorney Jack Ahola heard the information. No action can be taken against him now. Action would have to have been taken by one year following her 18th birthday.

APPENDIX A INFORMATION:

Richard Donald Harrison

Decatur, Illinois 62521

Birthdate: June 21, 193 54 to 56

does not attend Church

self-employed contracting janitorial services at Firestone in Decatur

(~~h~~ ^h ~~Scout~~ year book does not list him as graduating) Taylorville, Illinois

14 b. 5'6" or 5'7" gray hair blue eyes?

characteristics - heavy smoker

interest - Scouting memorabilia (books/patches)

married twice/divorced twice/living with woman now

Most recent Scouting registration: Ass's SM, Troop 25 in Decatur, IL

Wood Badge Scouter's Awards? Scouter's Key?

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JUL 19 1989

A. GRAVES

July 19, 1989

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Mr. W. Hartley Pierson
Scout Executive
Lincoln Trails Council, No. 121

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard D. Harrison

Dear Hartley:

I really need the information which you were presented by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This is most necessary if we are to be able to
substantiate refusal of registration in the future.

I believe we will have all we need once you send us this material. If there
are to be any legal charges, then we would need the outcome of that action.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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May 1, 1989

Mr. W. Hartley Pearson
Scout Executive
Lincoln Trails Council, No. 121

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard D. Harrison

Dear Hartley:

This is a follow-up to our previous communication concerning the above named individual. We follow-up if we do not receive more information during a reasonable period of time.

We would like some of the evidence which was presented to you that substantiated in your mind the action which you took.

We would also like a copy of the letter that you sent to this man suspending his registration from the Boy Scouts of America. All of this information is necessary, if we are to have a file which will be complete and strong enough to refuse registration anywhere in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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