

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE March 30, 1987

FULL NAME Richard M. Galdon SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Newark STATE New Jersey ZIP CODE 07104

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 54 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION Catholic Priest

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT approx. 200 lbs. HEIGHT 6'2" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Sandy COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN none

NAME OF SPOUSE n/a (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

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 District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver (Revoked 9/16/86)

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Arrested and pleaded guilty to sexual child abuse.

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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MAY 29 '87

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Charles J. Ball  
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Essex 336



MEMO TO: HAROLD C. FIESZEL  
PAUL I. ERNST  
RUDOLPH FLYTHE  
ROLAND E. MOORE

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 1987

FROM: CHARLES D. BALL  
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL FILE  
RICHARD M. GALDON

This man was placed on the confidential file in March 1987. The Silver Beaver he received was also rescinded at the September 9, 1986 Executive Board Meeting of the Essex Council.

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Enclosure



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# Newark priest gets 25-year term for sexual abuse of young boys

By DIANE CURCIO

A former associate pastor of a North Newark Catholic church was sentenced yesterday to 25 years in prison for sexually assaulting an altar boy and molesting two other sixth graders.

Criminal Assignment Judge Sidney Reiss of Superior Court in Newark said he wanted the sentence imposed on the Rev. Richard M. Galdon to have a "chilling effect" and show "the safety of our children cannot be compromised even for our reverence for men of the cloth."

Galdon, 54, who is also a former Boy Scout chaplain and youth leader, served at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for 27 years before he was removed by the Newark Archdiocese in 1986. For the past 20 months he has been in treatment at Foundation House in New Mexico, a center established for the care of Catholic priests who are diagnosed as pedophiles.

"I recognize, especially over the past 20 months, what I have done is serious. I know I have no one to blame other than myself," said Galdon, who did not wear the priestly collar yesterday. He said he was "filled with remorse and sorrow for what I have done to the youngsters."

Last March Galdon pleaded guilty to three crimes contained in the 17-count indictment. Under the terms of the plea bargaining agreement, Reiss was prohibited from sentencing him to more than 30 years.

Defense attorney Peter Manahan asked that Reiss consider allowing Galdon to remain at Foundation House and continue rehabilitation there. If a prison sentence must be imposed, Manahan asked it be no more than 12 to 15 years.

"He gave his life to the service of others," said Manahan as he argued for mercy. "He has, except for this offense, lived a law-abiding life."

First Assistant Prosecutor Edward J. Bilinkas contended, however, that Galdon's vocation should be weighed as an aggravating factor in deciding his punishment—not as a reason to show mercy. "This man was put in a particular position of trust. He violated that trust and because of this he should be held more accountable," said the first assistant.

Bilinkas said the priest engaged the altar boy in sodomy about three times a month after playing a strip card game during a one-year period from 1980 to 1981. Another boy was molested repeatedly as he also played cards with Galdon two years ago, according to the first assistant.

The third victim was molested numerous times while watching television with the priest over a period of two years, dating back to September 1983.

"These children, as far as I'm concerned, their lives have been destroyed," said Bilinkas, adding that the "mother and fathers have tremendous guilt." He said the victims are now in therapy.

Reiss said Galdon admitted to authorities he has been sexually assaulting children for the past 17 years. Investigator George McGrath of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office said about a dozen victims are known.

The judge remanded Galdon to the custody of the state Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel, a corrections facility for sex offenders. Galdon must remain there until the Avenel administrators determine he has been cured, the judge said.

June 8, 1987

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Scout Executive  
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard M. Galdon

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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CONF014838

April 14, 1987

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Scout Executive  
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard M. Galdon

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for sending us the Confidential Record Sheet for the above-named individual. This is certainly adequate and will now give us all the information we need for refusal of future registration attempts.

Please let us know if we may be of help in any other way.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

APR 14 1987

SHIRLEY BENT

CONF014839

March 26, 1987

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Scout Executive  
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard M. Galdon

Dear Charlie:

Please confirm to us that the spelling of this last name is really Galdon. We had had it as Galdin and we need to make certain it is correct on our permanent files.

We did receive your newspaper clipping related to the admission of sex assault on young boys. This certainly gives us the information we need for having a confidential file and refusing registration should it be attempted at a later time in some other location.

We are enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like to have completed so that we will be able to identify Mr. Galdon anywhere he would attempt registration. I am sorry I did not send this to you at a previous time, but hope you will complete it to the best of your ability.

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

Sincerely,

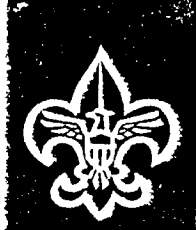
Paul Ernst, Director  
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cc: Northeast Region

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March 9, 1987

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Scout Executive  
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard M. Galdin

Dear Charlie:

We recently received notice that the above-named individual had been arrested for molesting youth. We would like more information concerning this matter so that we may set up a confidential file and refuse registration should attempts be made at any later time.

If you need any help from us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will then help you in any way we can to make certain we have complete records to have a permanent file.

Thank you for your help in completing this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

# Newark priest admits sex assault on altar boy, two other pre-teens

By DONNA LEUSNER

A former Boy Scout chaplain and associate pastor of a North Newark church pleaded guilty yesterday to three counts of sexually assaulting three pre-teens, one of them an altar boy.

Rev. Richard M. Galdon, 54, who spent 27 years at Our Lady of Good Counsel before he was removed from the parish last year and entered a New Mexico treatment center, pleaded guilty in Superior Court, Newark, under a plea bargain stipulating that any prison sentence not exceed 30 years.

The charges involve boys aged 10-12 who attended the parish elementary school from 1980 to 1985, according to Essex County First Assistant Prosecutor Edward J. Bilinkas.

Under questioning by Bilinkas, Galdon admitted committing various sexual acts with the boys.

"He has given the state the names of all of the boys who have been his victims," Bilinkas told Superior Court Judge Sidney H. Reiss.

One of the charges Galdon pleaded guilty to was con-

tained in a 17-count indictment sealed in May and opened yesterday. The remaining 16 charges, which all involved the same victim, will be dismissed as part of the plea bargain when Galdon is sentenced May 6.

Galdon was removed from the parish of 2,500 families after the pastor, Rev. Joseph P. Plunkett, received a report from a school officer and contacted the state Department of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), according to JoAnn Rizzolo, coordinator of media relations for the Archdiocese of Newark.

At a press conference in Our Lady of Good Counsel on Summer Avenue, Rizzolo said Galdon is on administrative leave and cannot function or dress as a priest or celebrate Mass, except privately.

Galdon spent nearly 10 years as Archdiocesan chaplain to the Boy Scouts, three troops of which met regularly in the parish, Rizzolo said.

About 600 children attend the parish's elementary school and 600 students attend the parish high school, Rizzolo said. Galdon was not a teacher at either school, she added.





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March 5, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
[REDACTED]  
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

Please make sure that Richard M. Galdon is placed on the confidential file (see enclosed newspaper clipping).

He was registered with the Essex Council through December 1985. He carried multiple registrations with the units sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Newark as a district chairman and as a member of the Essex Council Executive Board.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Charles D. Ball'.

Charles D. Ball  
Council Executive

CDB:cw

Enclosure

cc: Rudolph Flythe  
Roland E. Moore

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in file*

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United Way

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March 9, 1987

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Scout Executive  
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard M. Galcin

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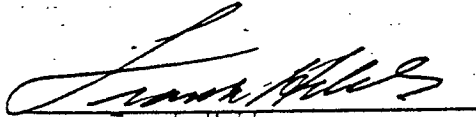
cc: Northeast Region

MAR 10 1987  
SHIRLEY GUYER

CONF014844

# NEWS ALERT

Date: March 5, 1987

Signed:   
Frank Hebb

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Ext: 2212

Source: Dann Cooke, Director  
Catholic Relationships  
Fr. Bolger, Scout Chaplain  
Archdiocese, New York

Ext: 2109

## The facts:

Father Richard M. Galdin, Chaplain for the Essex Council, Newark, New Jersey, has been arrested for allegedly molesting Boy Scouts at a Scout camp over a period of years.

The story was aired on CBS and NBC television stations in New York City last night.

## ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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