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July 17, 1991

Mr. George Frank Scout Executive Miami Valley Council, No. 444

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. DITTMAR

Dear Bud:

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 Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

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Miami Valley Council, Inc.

Serving Darke, Preble, Shelby, Miami and Montgomery Counties

June 14, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst Director of Registration Services Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving, Texas 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. DITIMAR

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GEORGE F. "BUD" FRANK, JR. Scout Executive

Dear Paul:

Your letter regarding the indictment against Robert A. Dittmar is still being handled by Montgomery County Children's Services. I have talked to Dean Sparks, Asst. Director of Montgomery County Children's Services, and he indicates to me that the parents of the children who were abused have decided not to file charges at this point. Children's Services feel that if the families wanted to pursue legal action that Dittmar would be brought to trial and convicted of sexual child abuse.

Dittmar is still living in Centerville, Ohio and is employed as a school bus driver for the Centerville School System. He is in no way involved in Scouting, I keep in touch with the Scoutmaster of Troop 236 as well as the pastor of the church.

Sincerely

*G*eorge f. "Bud" Frank, Jr.

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JUN 0 \$ 1991

June 4, 1991

A. GRAVES

Mr. George Frank Scout Executive Hiami Valley Council, No. 444

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. DITTMAR

Dear Bud:

It has now been over a year since I have heard from you, even though I have written to you several times. We really need to know the outcome of the legal action related to Mr. Dittmar.

Has there been an indictment? Has there been a trial? Has there been a conviction?

Thanks for your help in completing this case.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

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A. GRAVES

January 7, 1991

Mr. George Frank
Scout Executive
Miami Valley Council, No. 444

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. DITTMAR

- Dear Bud:

I really hate to bother you again, but I have not heard from you since January when you sent us material related to the above named individual. At that time it was indicated that he had been involved with several youth in sexual abuse incidents.

We really need more substantiation related to the outcome of the legal action.

If there has been a trial, we would like to have newspaper clippings or court records that would substantiate that. The sentencing would also be most helpful to complete our file.

If we may be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

August 22, 1990

Mr. George Frank Scout Executive Miami Valley Council, No. 444

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT A DITTMAR

Dear Bud:

We have not heard from you since January when you sent us material concerning this individual. You indicated that he had been involved with youth in sexual abuse incidents.

We would like to know if legal action has taken place and whether it is now complete. We would like newspaper clippings, court records, or other material which would substantiate that action.

We hope you can send us this material so we can close our file.

Sincerely.

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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January 16, 1990

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JULIE FIELDER

Mr. George Frank Scout Executive Miami Valley Council, No. 444

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. DITTMAR

Dear Bud:

Thanks so much for the material you recently sent. This enables us to start a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

We would like the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. We believe we have everything else we need, but that would strengthen our file and enable us to refuse registration anywhere in the country it might be attempted.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL, INC. 444

Boy Scouts of America

NEEDMORE AT NORTHCUTT

DAYTON, OH 45414 PHONE:

January 4, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst National Director of Registration National Office, BSA P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

After careful review, I am submitting the name of Robert Dittmar to be placed on the National Council Confidential List.

Dittmar has been investigated by the Montgomery County Children Services and there is considerable evidence that he has been involved with several registered youth in several Scout Troops in the Miami Valley Council in sexual abuse incidents.

I have reviewed the allogations with Mr. Dean M. Sparks of the Central Intake Department of the Montgomery County Children Services, and he and the Miami Valley Council's legal counsel feel that immediate suspension of Dittmar's registration as an adult volunteer is warranted.

I have communicated directly with Dittmar, with Rev. Hard (Pastor of the United Church of Christ, chartered partner of Troop 236), the Troop Committee and selected officers of the Council.

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter from the Montgomery County Children Services, a copy of the letter that I personally handed to Robert Dittmar, and a copy of the press release.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Mr. Dean Sparks at

Sincerely,

George F! "Bud" Frank, Jr.

Scout Executive

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Enclosures

cc: M. Gene Cruse, Regional Director





Montgomery County Children Services

December 12, 1989

Bud Frank Miami Valley Council Boy Scouts of America

Dayton, Ohio 45414

Dear Mr. Frank:

Montgomery County Children Services is conducting an investigation concerning allegations of child abuse against Robert Dittmar, who is a volunteer leader in your organization.

It is my recommendation that Mr. Dittmar should not have contact with children in your program until this investigation is completed and the issue resolved.

Sincerely,

Dean M. Sparks, Manager Central Intake Department

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MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL, INC. 444

Boy Scouts of America

NEEDMORE AT NORTHCUTT

DAYTO<u>N, OH 45414</u>

PHONE

December 8, 1989

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Robert Dittmar

Kettering, OH 45429

Dear Bob:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend or refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to Regional Director, M. Gene Cruse, within 60 days of the date of this letter, explain-ing your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted or reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely yours,

A. Roger Atkinson

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Council President

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Attachment

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The following information is provided should you desire review by the East Central Region, BSA, 230 W. Diehl Road, P.O. Box 3085, Naperville, Illinois 60566-7085, of the decision to deny your registration.

- 1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the Regional Director, M. Gene Cruse, of the East Central Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
- 2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
- 3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
- 4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
- 5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
- 6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



NEEDMORE AT NORTHCUTT

DAYTON, OH 45414 PHONE:

Contact:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Robert Dittmar's registration as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America was immediately suspended when Scouting officials were notified by the Montgomery County Children's Services agency that certain allegations had been made regarding Mr. Dittmar's leadership qualifications. He had been Scoutmaster of Troop 236, chartered to Christ United Methodist Church, Kettering since 1983.

Such swift action is just one part of Scouting's Youth Protection agenda. Child sexual abuse is a societal problem, but the Boy Scouts of America nationally and the Miami Valley Council locally have taken aggressive steps to ensure that the very best leadership is in place for their youth constituency.

Education regarding the detection and prevention of sexual abuse has occurred at all levels of the organization. The leader selection process has been strengthened for the chartered partner selecting leadership. Barriers have been created to prevent abuse such as mandating that two adults must be present at all times with youth and the youth members themselves are continually reminded to "yell and tell" in regards to inappropriate behavior.



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