

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE 8-28-66

Full Name Robert E. Collier
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 701 Isham,

City Owosso, Michigan State Michigan

Age 33 - Born: 7-15-33 (This is important and should be exact).

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Methodist Nationality English

Occupation Freelance at present - Skills: Drafting, Graphic Arts, Printing

Education High School Grad, Some Jr. College

Weight 140 Color white Height 5'9"

Color of hair Receding Black Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Showman, CB Radio,

Married or single Separated Children None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name UNK

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
<u>Dist</u>	<u>Flint</u>	<u>Mich</u>	<u>Dist. Comm. Memb.</u> <u>Exp. Cab. Adv.</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>8-6-66</u>

Special recognition Cub Training Accomplished, National Camp School June 66
Explorer Leader Ing Accomplished, NRA Instructor Lt. Rif

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Acts of perversion perpetrated against a minor Scout in Camp

Signed _____

Scout Executive

R. C. Kessler

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DYKES v. BSA, et al. Cause No. 07-10191
Produced Pursuant to Protective Order

September 13, 1966

Mr. Robert C. Reusch
Scout Executive
Tall Pine Council, No. 264

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert E. Collier

Attn: John M. Swanson, District Scout Executive

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of August 26 and your unusually fine report concerning Robert E. Collier, District Committee Member in your District 4. We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have his name deleted from the Council roster.

The information you provided will enable us to identify Mr. Collier should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Thanks for your splendid follow-through in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

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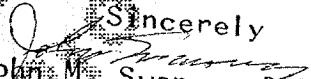
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Mr. Boyd:

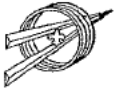
Mr. Reusch is on an extended sick leave pending a possible serious operation. I have taken the liberty to respond to your letter of August 12th.

Since these problems happen rarely for me - I hope I have handled this correctly. If I should have done it differently to flag a man, please advise.

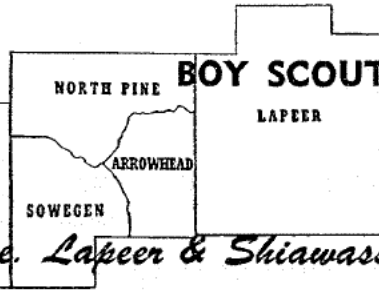
Sincerely


John M. Swanson DSE

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Flint, Michigan - 48501

August 26, 1966

Mr. Howard Boyd
Director of Registration
Personnel Division
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, NJ

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert E. Collier

Dear Sir:

Here is information relating to above subject for recommendation to be placed on "Confidential" file.

- (1) A signed statement from Scout [redacted] Flint, Michigan. Witnessed by his Scoutmaster Mr. [redacted] Flint, Michigan.
- (2) A signed statement by myself as eye witness to acts of perversion.
- (3) A statement of summary action taken afterwards
- (4) Confidential Record Sheet, including photograph of subject.

If there is any other data or service required, I will be happy to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

John M. Swanson
District Scout Executive
Tall Pine Council BSA

cc: Mr. Robert C. Reusch, Scout Executive, Tall Pine Council

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

DIDN'T LIKE MR. COLLIER. HE ASKED ME WHY I DIDN'T LIKE HIM. I SAID HE WAS WIERD. HE QUESTIONED ME FURTHER AND FINALLY I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT HE WAS QUEER.

MY SCOUTMASTER SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO TALK TO THE DIRECTOR RIGHT AWAY AND THAT IF I WANTED TO FINISH THE MERIT BADGE THAT HE WOULD GO WITH US TO THE RANGE AND SAY THAT HE WANTED TO QUALIFY FOR NRA.

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[REDACTED]

WITNESS

August 5, 1966
Horton Lake Scout Camp
Lapeer, Michigan

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert E. Collier

Eye Witness Statement by John M. Swanson, Camp Director

On Wednesday, August 3, 1966, Mr. [REDACTED] Scoutmaster of Troop 186, Hoot Owl campsite, reported that Scout [REDACTED], 13 yrs, had reported that Mr. Collier, our Rifle Range Instructor was acting "strange" to the boy when alone, and was "playing with the boy's privates."

I expressed disbelief, but asked that the boy, [REDACTED], talk with me privately.

Thursday evening, August 4th, after evening campfire, I talked to [REDACTED]. He claimed Mr. Collier was "playing" with him when alone on the Rifle Range. We agreed that [REDACTED] was to keep a Merit Badge appointment with Mr. Collier on Friday, and I would watch hidden in the woods nearby.

At 1:30 PM Friday, August 5, I took up position in the woods near the range, and while hidden from their view, I had full view of the range shooting area. Mr. Collier was laying on a shooting mat seemingly asleep. [REDACTED] reported to the range about 1:35 PM and awoke Mr. Collier. They talked awhile, then [REDACTED] picked up a rifle and began shooting on the range.

After shooting 10 minutes or so, Mr. Collier had [REDACTED] lay on his back and Mr. Collier began to rub [REDACTED]'s lower stomach and legs. He then began to rub the boy's privates. At this point I interrupted by entering the range area.

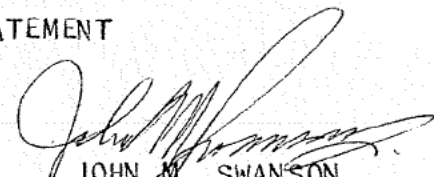
We talked briefly about the range program and unrelated things, and I left saying I was going to visit a nearby campsite. I left the range and walked out of sight, then returned to hiding in view of the range shooting area again.

Observing again, [REDACTED] fired awhile on the range, and then again laid back. Mr. Collier tried to unbutton the boy's shorts. Being unsuccessful, Collier then ran his right hand under the boy's belt, and holding his privates began to masturbate the boy.

At this point I again interrupted by returning to the range. I remain with the boy and Mr. Collier until they had finished firing. I then walked the trail back to main camp with them.

I did not at this time disclose my knowledge or findings to them.

A TRUE STATEMENT


JOHN M. SWANSON
Camp Director

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August 26, 1966
Owosso, MichiganPERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert E. CollierSummary of Action Taken by
John M. Swanson, Camp Director
Horton Lake Scout Camp Lapeer, Mich.August 5, 1966

1. Witnessed acts of Mr. Collier - See statement.
2. Contacted Mr. Robert Reusch, Scout Executive by telephone out of camp. Informed Mr. Reusch of findings and discussed action to be taken.
3. Called Dr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Flint, Michigan, Father of [REDACTED], and requested he and his wife come immediately to camp for a conference on the situation. Dr. [REDACTED] agreed to meet with me at 10 PM, Friday.
4. Contacted Mr. [REDACTED] scoutmaster of the boy's troop in camp and requested he meet with me and the boy at Program Building #2 for a private discussion of findings and action to be taken.
5. Met with Mr. [REDACTED] and the boy [REDACTED], reviewed findings and made written statements.
6. Dr. [REDACTED] arrived in camp early. Met with Dr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We reviewed the situation and presented Dr. [REDACTED] with our written statements. I informed Dr. [REDACTED] of action presently being planned - a. To discharge Mr. Collier from employment quietly, and b. to request National Council BSA to "flag" the man from future Scouting membership. I further informed Dr. [REDACTED] of the right to prosecute under the law, and requested that he do so.
Dr. [REDACTED] concluded that he did not wish to prosecute, but would cooperate with us in any way needed to prevent Mr. Collier from being in such a position with boys again. Meeting closed with agreement to quietly release Mr. Collier, and keep our knowledge private. Dr. [REDACTED] remained in camp with his son's unit overnight.
7. Called Mr. Reusch and informed him of action to be taken - Agreed.
8. Out of camp, called Mr. R. Yerrick of Owosso, informing him of Mr. Collier's discharge and requested he come to camp to provide transportation for Collier at 1:30 PM on Saturday. (Mr. Yerrick being a personal friend of Mr. Collier and myself, no explanation for my actions was necessary for Mr. Yerrick to respond.)
9. No contact or discussion was made with Mr. Collier during any of the above procedure.
10. Informed Mr. C. Troupe, Camp Ranger, of impending discharge of Mr. Collier in morning, and requested his presence as witness and use of his home for the meeting. Agreed.

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August 6, 1966

1. 8:45 AM - Met with Mr. Collier & Mr. Troupe in Ranger's home. Informed Mr. Collier:
 - a. He was discharged from camp
 - b. He was to pack his gear this morning and Mr. Yerrick would provide transportation at 1:30 PM to Owosso.
 - c. That Dr. [REDACTED] was not going to prosecute him
 - d. That information known would be forwarded to the National Council BSA.

(Note: We did not actually state what information we were referring to nor did we actually state WHY he was being discharged.)

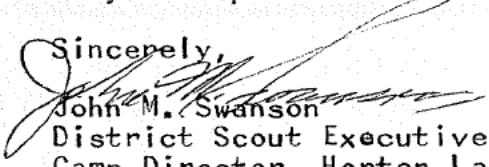
Mr. Collier expressed no surprise, moreover immediately broke down without any accusations being expressed. He stated he was sorry and asked forgiveness. He stated: "He thought he had it licked - You don't know how hard I've tried - I just can't help myself."

Collier then expressed his thanks that Dr. [REDACTED] did not wish to prosecute. In tears he asked what he should do. I told him he should quietly leave camp, say nothing to the staff, and make arrangements for medical assistance.

He responded that he would. I told him I would help him if I could. He expressed agreement, but then stated he was going to "take-off". Our meeting then ended.

2. Mr. Collier returned to his tent, packed his gear, and remained in his tent without lunch. (one check found him sleeping.)
3. Mr. Yerrick camp to camp, and at 1:30 PM, we loaded Mr. Collier's gear aboard the stationwagon and he left camp.
4. On Sunday, upon the return of the Camp Staff, I informed the Staff that Mr. Collier had left. No explanation was given, except: Think not you are an indispensable guy, for in graveyards many indispensables lie.

Sincerely,


John M. Swanson
District Scout Executive
Camp Director, Horton Lake Ca

PS: Upon returning home (Owosso, Mich.) I have found out: (Hearsay - Mr. Collier had this type problem four or 5 years ago with a local high school student. He has sold all his personal belongings, purchased an auto, (57 green Ford) and has left for Detroit, Michigan.

J. Swanson

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August 12, 1966

TO: WARREN HOLM

FROM: HOWARD BOYD

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

We are in receipt of information from Bob Reusch of Flint, Michigan, that Mr. Robert Collier, 701 Isham Street, Owosso, Michigan, who supposedly applied, and had been accepted for preview program in December 1965, has contributed to the delinquency of a camper and we have taken the appropriate action to place him on the confidential file.

I am sure you will want to check your records, and if you have this man listed as a preview candidate, you should drop him from this category.

Howard Boyd/clr

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August 12, 1966

Mr. Robert C. Reusch
Scout Executive
The Tall Pine Council, No. 264

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Robert Collier

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for sending us the advance information concerning Robert Collier. We will await the additional material to which you referred. Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us concerning him.

Thanks also for alerting us to his professional preview program status. We will advise Personnel so that they will drop him from this category.

Best regards.

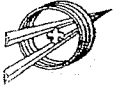
Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

HB/clr
Encl.

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August 8, 1966

Boy Scouts of America
National Council
Registration Service

Att. Mr. Howard Boyd

Dear Howard:

This past week end was the occasion for discovering that a member of our council, registered as a Camp staff member, was guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a camper. We have followed the customary procedure of securing statements from all persons concerned and as soon as these have been prepared we will send them to your office along with any other material you may need on this matter. As usual in such situations the parents of the scout refused to prosecute although we had clear and unquestioned evidence on the party involved.

This advance notice pending the material involved above will serve to indicate that Mr. Robert Collier, 701 Isham St. Owosso, Michigan, registered through Feb. 1967 as a member of the Shiawassee District Committee has been separated from the council and is no longer on its camp staff. I believe he had applied and been accepted for the professional Pre-View Program in December, 1965, and this department should be notified also of this matter.

If you have the appropriate forms for indicating that this man is to be placed on the confidential file list, I'll appreciate your sending them to us.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Reusch
Scout Executive

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