

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 10/12/89

FULL NAME Robert Mathews S.S. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY North Andover STATE Mass. ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_

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

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERSTICS \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED  SINGLE  NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Tr-77	Andover	MA	SM	1968	1970

Chartered Organization \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
Type Resolution

- |                                            |                                |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1=Scout Related                            | 1. Internal (only Scouts Know) |
| 2=Non-scout related                        | 2. Criminal action             |
| 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) | 3. Court action                |
|                                            | 4. Probationary status         |
|                                            | 5. Reported to state agency    |

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

**NOTED**

**OCT 18 1989**

**JOSEPH J. ANGLIM**

CONFIDENTIAL  
10/12/89  
*[Signature]*

Council North Essex # 712 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Registration/National  
# \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUT EXECUTIVE

READY FOR FILE

OCT 19 1989

A. GRAVES

October 19, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop  
Scout Executive  
North Essex Council, No. 712

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT MATHEWS

Dear Ross:

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

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF010547

August 30, 1989

Mr. Ross Harrop, Scout Executive  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Essex Council  
430 North Canal Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts 01840

Dear Mr. Harrop:

With reference to our phone conversation pertaining to our son, [REDACTED] and Mr. Bob Mathews, we comment as follows.

In the late spring of 1972, our son, [REDACTED], at the time, age 13, was a member of Boy Scout Troop 77, Andover, Massachusetts. At that time, Harold W. Tynning Jr. ([REDACTED], Andover, Ma. 01810) was Scoutmaster, Robert Mathews was the Assistant Scoutmaster, and Julian Newland ([REDACTED], Richmond, Virginia 23229) was the chairman of the Scout committee. During the process of working for his photography Merit badge, [REDACTED] was invited to the home of Mr. Mathews under the pretense of his getting advice and assistance in earning this badge. It was at that location that [REDACTED] was sexually abused by Robert Mathews. Upon being informed by [REDACTED] of his abuse by Bob Mathews, we contacted the committee chairman, Julian Newland and informed him of the molestation. Together Mr. Newland and [REDACTED] went to Scoutmaster Harold Tynning to discuss the situation. Mr. Tynning persuaded us that it would be best that he handle the entire matter. The result was simply that Mr. Mathews left Troop 77 and moved away from Andover. To the best of our knowledge and recollection his leaving was presented as an employment relocation.

It is important to state that Harold Tynning took it upon himself not to advise the Scout Council of this matter - against our wishes.

We have informed [REDACTED] that this letter is being written, and he has asked that we express his willingness to further verify the above matter. Should you desire to contact him, his present address is : [REDACTED] Farmington, Minnesota, 55024.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

CONF010548



*CLARE  
5-12-89*

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
214-580-2000

July 7, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop  
Scout Executive  
North Essex Council, No. 712



*207  
WHITE  
AT 5*

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Matthews

Dear Ross:

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We have some serious concern about Mr. Matthews and wonder if he is still registered at the present time. We would like any information you could give us concerning him, since it is felt that he should be placed on the confidential file.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, so we could identify Mr. Matthews. We would like to also have any statements or material which would help us in substantiating our file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

*Paul  
Anything I  
know you now  
know by reading  
the attached letter*

*Paul*

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 712

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

On-Line \_\_\_\_\_ Batch \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: Ross Harrop

POSITION: SE

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

DEBIT \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM CODE & UNIT #

RENEWAL DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

ID #

FILM #

Robert Matthews

SOLUTION:

Not able to get anything for the CE stud. Was able to get statement from a parent. Will send what he could get

NAME Claire

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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READY FOR FILE  
JUL 07 1989  
A. GRAVES

July 7, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop  
Scout Executive  
North Essex Council, No. 712

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

CONF010551

January 18, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop  
Scout Executive  
North Essex Council, No. 712

SUBJECT: Robert Matthews

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ross:

I have received information that leads me to ask some questions concerning the above named individual. I was told that Mr. Matthews was a Scoutmaster of Troop 77 in Andover, during the late sixties or early seventies. The information which I secured indicates that it was suspected that he had sexual relations of some kind with scouts when he was Scoutmaster.

I know this is a very little bit of information that I am giving you, and that this goes back many years, but I would like some information as to whether this individual is now living in that area, whether he has ever been convicted of any crimes, or whether there has been any suspicions of problems with him in his relations with youth.

I would appreciate any information you can give me in order to have facts that will either substantiate or deny this information.

Thanks for your help in this matter. Do not hesitate to call me if we should discuss this on the phone.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region  
Charles D. Ball, Assistant Regional Director, Northeast Region

*Not added to CF  
Pending further word  
from CO.  
1-19-89*

READY TO FILE

JAN 17 1989

ERIN O'RILEY



CALL  
1-177- CHARLIE  
will CALL

National Capital Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America

9190 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3897 • 301 530-9360

January 13, 1989

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Assistant Regional Director  
Northeast Region/Boy Scouts of America ##22  
P.O. Box 350  
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350

Dear Charlie:

Herewith enclosed is a statement resulting from a telephone call received at our Service Center on January 11, 1989. The statement is forwarded to you for your information and determination of action required in the best interest of B.S.A. I didn't feel it appropriate for me to contact the local council.

I would appreciate confirmation of your receipt of this letter and confidential statement.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Davis, Jr.  
Scout Executive

PRD:jbp

Enclosure

cc: ✓ Paul I. Ernst, Director of Registration, National Office  
David I. Sharp, Area Director, Northeast Region



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January 11, 1989

TO: Paul R. Davis, Jr., Scout Executive  
FROM: Judith B. Plumb, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Confidential Telephone Call

G. 712

It was confidentially reported to me at 10:50 a.m. today, that Robert Matthews, Scoutmaster of Troop 77 of Andover, Massachusetts during 1968-1970 should not be involved in Scouting. This troop met at the Methodist Church in Andover.

[REDACTED] (Eagle Scout with a palm) was a member of the troop. When he was 12 - 13 years old, "Bob" was the Scoutmaster and the troop was very active. There were lots of camp outs, hiking and white water canoeing trips. When the boys met at Bob's house in North Andover, there were Playboy magazines available. Bob would encourage sexual discussions during their planning meetings. He would encourage sharing of information, etc. about sex.

He went on to report, that the Scouts would always wonder who was going to "tent with Bob" on the many trips. The group became polarized between 'those who had' and 'those who had not'. On these trips, Bob would like to get boys in a tent and masturbate. He would encourage "unnatural sexual behavior". [REDACTED] did tent with Bob, but did not do this. He doesn't know how many did or if anything more than that happened.

[REDACTED] believes that Bob is a possible pedophile or maybe a homosexual. He does not know where he is currently or if he is involved in Scouting. But if he is, he shouldn't be!

[REDACTED] hesitated to share his name and telephone numbers with me, but after a discussion of the validity of this whole story, did so. He has a co-worker who is very active in B.S.A. and doesn't really want her to know of these circumstances.

He would appreciate knowing the results of our inquiry when, and if, we learn anything. He has mulled this over for a long time, and now that he has 'told' would like to know the results.

If we need more information and/or details, he is willing to share them --- would prefer telling a man. Leave "confidential-type" message and he will call us. We can reach him at his home at [REDACTED] or at his office [REDACTED].

*Judith B. Plumb*

JBP:me



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Northeast Region

P.O. Box 350

Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350

Telephone: (201) 821-6500

Rudy Flythe  
Regional Director

*Robert Matthews*

January 17, 1989

Mr. Paul R. Davis, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
National Capital Area Council  
9190 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897

Dear Paul:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 13 and a copy of a memo from Judith B. Plum, a secretary in your office to you.

I discussed this matter with Paul Ernst by telephone today and Paul will contact the local council that covers Andover, MA.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*

CHARLES D. BALL  
Assistant Regional Director

cc: Paul Ernst

May 15, 1989

Mr. Ross A. Harrop  
Scout Executive  
North Essex Council, No. 712

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Matthews

Dear Ross:

On January 18, I wrote to you concerning the above named individual. As of this date I find no response in my correspondence.

I indicated at that time that we had a report that Mr. Matthews, Scoutmaster of Troop 77 in Andover, had some sexual play with youth during the sixty eight to seventy period when our informant was in the troop.

We really do need material related to this matter and information such as I requested in my original letter. Is Mr. Matthews still an active Scouter during this period of time? Has there ever been any indication of concern of his activities? Does he still live in the Andover area?

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed to give us more personal information about Mr. Matthews. This would help us in setting up a file which could lead to refusal of registration attempts.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE  
MAY 16 1989  
ERIN O'RILEY

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