

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
 REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE  
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 10 DEC 1970

FULL NAME Rodney W. Dickinson  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 2510 LAUNDALE ROAD

CITY LAKELAND STATE FLORIDA ZIP CODE 33801

AGE 30 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION PROST. NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION TRUCK DRIVER / Bookkeeper / Clerk / SALESMAN

EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL

WEIGHT 140 COLOR Ruddy HEIGHT 5'9"

COLOR OF HAIR DARK BROWN COLOR OF EYES BROWN

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

MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN Wife Pregnant  
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME DOROTHY

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>7741</u>	<u>Lakeland</u>	<u>FLA.</u>	<u>SM</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1969</u>
<u>7727</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>November 1970</u>	<u>November 1970</u>

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Holds SM Key + TRAINING AWARD

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

*See attached Crime against nature.*

Signed A. L. Rogers  
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Gulf Ridge #86

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INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

December 3, 1970

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

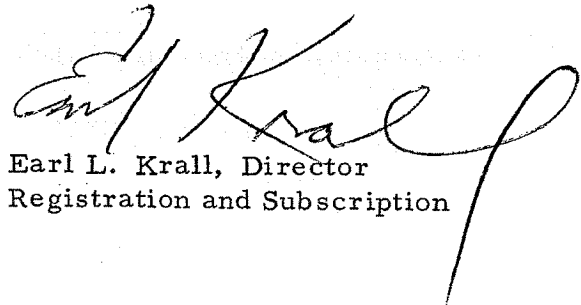
Personal and Confidential  
Re: Rodney Dickenson  
Scoutmaster, Troop 727

Dear Mr. Rogers:

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Sincerely,

  
Earl L. Krall, Director  
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**CONFIDENTIAL**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
MONROE BRANNEN, SHERIFF  
POLK COUNTY, BARTOW, FLORIDA

Complaint No.

11-30-70

The following is a confidential report of an investigation of a crime against nature requested by Mr. Bud Coker, Polk County Solicitor's office, reported by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Lakeland, Florida, phone # [REDACTED].

Suspect of investigation is MR. RODNEY DICKINSON, w/m, 30 years of age, of 2510 Lawndale, Lakeland, Florida, phone # 688-4437. Suspect had been a Scout Leader of Troop 741, Crystal Lake Elementary School when this crime against nature had taken place between the Christmas holidays of 1969 and until the end of April, 1970.

Mr. Dickinson, the suspect, left Troop 741 in the summer of 1970 and went to work around Fort Myers, Florida, returned this fall and applied for and took over Troop 727 at the Methodist Temple, South Florida Ave., Lakeland, Florida. At the time he applied for the Scout Master's job, he inquired of Mr. Austin M. Sutton, District Scout Executive, "Have you heard any rumors about me while I was gone this summer?" Mr. Sutton told him no, as he had heard no rumors until the past two weeks that something was wrong and the parents that had called would not state what they were driving at, but that Mr. Dickinson should be removed as a Scout Master or Leader and not be allowed to have any contact with young boys any more.

Writer was requested by Mr. Coker, to contact [REDACTED] and talk with [REDACTED] son, [REDACTED] w/m, 13 years of age, D.O.B. 10-31-57,

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at the [redacted] home at [redacted], Lakeland, Fla. See attached statement taken from [redacted] by writer on Norelco tape at the [redacted] home on 11-21-70 at [redacted] request. Writer had [redacted] listen to the tape at 4:00 p.m. on 11-24-70, The Solicitor's office, Mr. Bud Coker on 11-23-70, Mr. A. Sutton and Mr. R. Betz of the Gulf Ridge Boy Scout Council on 11-23-70, who in turn had Mr. Rodney Dickinson removed as Scout Master on this same date, 11-23-70.

[redacted] was satisfied that Mr. Dickinson had been removed and at this time does not want to take any further action against Mr. Dickinson at this time or subject his family to appearing in Criminal Court against Mr. Dickinson.

On Friday, 11-27-70, Mr. Dickinson found out who had complained about him and had him removed as Scout Master, called [redacted] home and after some rough talk back and forth, Mr. Dickinson hung up and the next call was by Mr. Dickinson's wife to the Lakeland Police Dept. that Rodney had his gun and was going to shoot Mr. Dickinson. Cpl. Bill Creamer was notified and he, knowing Mr. Dickinson, went to his home to calm him down and put in a call for writer to see if any warrants had been issued and was Mr. Dickinson going to be arrested. Answer of course was no, as writer informed Cpl. Creamer that [redacted] did not want to secure warrant, only that he be removed as a scout leader.

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Investigation closed as of this time.

Lt. H. F. Kroll, S.O. #28  
Polk County Sheriff's Dept.

- 2 copies: Lt. Kroll
- 1 copy : Mr. Bud Coker, Solicitor's Office
- 1 copy : Mr. A. M. Sutton, Rt. 4, Box 2080, Lakeland, 33803

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The date is November the 21st, 1970. The time is now 11:22 a.m. The place is [REDACTED], Lakeland, Florida, the home of [REDACTED], telephone # [REDACTED]. I'm going to interview one [REDACTED], white male, 13 years of age, his date of birth is October 31st, 1957. This is a possible crime against nature investigation requested by Bud Coker, Solicitor's Office. Present is [REDACTED], Lt. Kroll, Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Q. [REDACTED], would you tell me your full name and date of birth and your address and your daddy's name for the record, please?

A. [REDACTED]. My father's name is [REDACTED]. My birthday is October 31st, I was born 1957.

Q. Now it has come to our attention, [REDACTED], that there is a possible crime against nature been committed upon you, as I explained to you what crime against nature is, and the term used is oral copulation. Could you tell me the first time this took place, or on or about the first time that you were approached or molested in this way?

A. It was, it was at nighttime and I was sitting in the chair with him.

Q. Where were you at, at this time?

A. At his house.

Q. Now we're talking about "him" who are you referring to, [REDACTED]?

A. Rodney Dickinson.

Q. And how did you come to meet this gentleman?

A. From friends of mine. They introduced me to him during the Christmas holiday and I started going there frequently.

Q. How did these friends come to introduce you, was he involved in some kind of youth activities or something like that?

A. Scout Master, he was my Scout Master.

Q. What troop was this?

A. 741.

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Q. And where did this troop meet?

A. Crystal Lake Elementary School.

Q. Is this a troop sponsored by the Optimist Club?

A. Yes, sir, it is.

Q. And this Scout Leader's name is what?

A. Rodney Dickinson.

Q. Do you know about how old Rodney is?

A. He turned 30 in May.

Q. He turned 30 this past May?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay, now were you invited to his home the first time this took place?

A. The kids took me there and introduced me to him.

Q. In other words, the first time that you met him, nothing happened.

A. Right. We just played some games at his house.

Q. Now the first time that this did happen, where he took advantage of you and molested you in this manner, were you alone at the house with him?

A. His wife - we were watching Shock on Friday night and he had asked me to spend the weekend with him and his wife had gone to bed and I was sitting in the chair with him and that's how it all started.

Q. This was in the living room.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How did he go about this, [REDACTED]? Did he talk to you about it or did he just start rubbing his hands over you or what?

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A. He just started rubbing his hands over.

Q. Did you realize what was going to happen?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Did you tell the gentleman to stop?

A. No, after he got through, I just, I was nervous all through it and then I just got up and walked over to the couch.

Q. When he went about this act of oral copulation upon you, did he remove your trousers or did...

A. No, he just opened it like this.

Q. Just unzipped your pants and removed your privates from your pants. When the act was over did he say anything to you, did he offer you any money?

A. No.

Q. Did he tell you not to tell anyone that this happened?

A. No he didn't.

Q. He didn't make any reference to what had just taken place?

A. No.

Q. Did this happen again at a later date?

A. Yes, it happened many times later.

Q. Were they always at his home?

A. No, they were mostly, I was taking a course, Morse Course, over at his house.

Q. For the Scouts?

A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. For a Merit Badge or to pass a test?
- A. For a Merit Badge.
- Q. Merit Badge.
- A. And he was - and there was another boy, David Carlton, taking it too and we'd drive him home and let him take me out to a place called Whisper Woods
- Q. On Reynolds Road.
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. That new development over there. Yes, I know where you're talking about, that's just south of Skyview Drive on Reynolds Road and it's on the east side of the street.
- A. Yes, sir. I grew to like it, though.
- Q. You grew to like to go out there with him?
- A. Yes, so I don't want to blame him completely, it was half my fault.
- Q. In other words, you got to a point where you enjoyed this act that he was committing upon you.
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did he ever have you commit this oral copulation upon him?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How many times?
- A. Almost as much as he did with me.
- Q. When is the first time this happened, that you did it to Mr. Dickinson?
- A. I can't recall it. I think it was about the second time.
- Q. That would be right shortly after New Year's?

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A. Yeah.

Q How did this come about that he had you to perform the act on him?

A. I can't remember.

Q. Did he talk you into it or did he just pull your head down to him or what?

A. No, he just pulled his privates out.

Q. Did he say, "here, take this and try it"?

A. Yes.

Q. And you didn't object at this time?

A. No, I didn't.

Q Have you ever done anything like this before in the past, as a smaller boy?

A. With other kids.

Q. With other little boys.

A. Just little boys, it was...

Q. Where did this happen?

A. Oh, when I lived in New York.

Q. Up at Elmira, New York?

A. Yes, sir, just a couple times.

Q. You know this is, acts like this are not according to the laws of God. I mean it's wrong to do something like this.

A. I know that.

Q. And it's not good for you, it's good for anyone else.

A. I stopped, that's why I stopped seeing him.

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- Q. Do you understand it when I say to you, did you reach a climax? Are you old enough that you eject any fluid when he...
- A. Yes, I am.
- Q. And he would do this until you had a climax.
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. That's what we call a climax, [REDACTED]. Now, when you were doing it to him, did you continue this until he had a climax?
- A. Only about three times.
- Q. About three times, and this went on from approximately December, about the Christmas holidays until about what time, [REDACTED]?
- A. Shortly before May or the end of April.
- Q. In other words, towards about the end of April of 70.
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And what brought the abrupt stop?
- A. I don't know. I just didn't want to get in trouble and I just wanted to stop it because I knew it wasn't right and so I just stopped seeing him.
- Q. At this time was he still a troop leader for Scout Troop 741?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long did he stay at 741 after you stopped having this correspondence or companionship with him?
- A. I don't remember. I don't remember when he quit the troop.
- Q. Did he quit before summer or after summer?
- A. I think it was during.
- Q. During the summer months?

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A. Yes, I think so. I'm not sure.

Q. After he quit, did he have another troop that he went to or did he stay out of scout leading for a while?

A. He stayed out for a while and now he has another troop.

Q. But at this time you don't know where this troop is.

A. No, I don't.

Q. Now this is a regular troop, this is not Cub Scouts, this is the regular Boy Scouts we're talking about.

A. Yes.

Q. And as far as you know, he now has another Boy Scout Troop.

A. Yes.

Q. Does this gentleman live close by you?

A. Yes, he does. He lives on the next street, Lawndale.

Q. Lawndale. Is there anything else you could tell me about, do you know any other boys that were involved with him?

A. I know one other, [REDACTED]. He lives on [REDACTED].

Q. And how old is [REDACTED]?

A. He's 12 years old.

Q. Is there anything else you can tell me at this time?

A. I haven't got any other information.

Q. Let me advise you, [REDACTED], again. Don't discuss that a law enforcement officer has been over here.

A. Okay.

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Q. Any discussion now, you just make with your mother or father or with the law enforcement personels or maybe possibly the Solicitor's Office may call upon you. Is there anything else you could add at this time?

A. No.

Q. And the statement you have given as to what has happened is true to the best of your knowledge and recollection at this time.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. This statement is completed at 11:33 A.M., 11-21-70.

The above statement was taken with the permission of [REDACTED] in their home at [REDACTED], Lakeland, Florida.

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Investigating Officers:

Date

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December 28, 1970

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Rodney Dickenson

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet and the police report concerning Rodney Dickinson, former Scoutmaster of Troop 727. We have placed this information in our file.

This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Dickinson, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director  
Registration and Subscription

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# ENROLLMENT REPORT

REG. NO.	CNCL. NO.	DIST. NO.	NATL. UNIT NO.	LOCAL UNIT NO.	REGIS. TERM	EXPIR. DATE
6	86	7	727	727	4	2/21

### REGISTRATION AND BOYS' LIFE FEES

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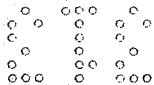
### BOYS' LIFE

Term 7 months First issue \_\_\_\_\_ Last issue \_\_\_\_\_  
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REGISTERING A TOP UNIT LEADER Trained  Not trained

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL NAME IF SUBMITTING COUNCIL OR DISTRICT SCOUTERS



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NAME—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST AND LAST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ AGE 30 POSITION SM  
 RODNEY W DICKINSON

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D. \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS' LIFE  CHECK ONE  
2510 LAWNDALE RD  NEW LEADER  FORMER LEADER

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
LAKE LAND FL 33801

HOME PHONE 683-2903 PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER AND BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE Rodney W Dickerson

REGISTRATION FEE \$ .80 BOYS' LIFE FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TERM (MONTHS) 4 APPROVAL Jerry Stiles

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December 3, 1970

Mr. Alfred L. Rogers  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Rodney Dickenson  
Scoutmaster, Troop 727

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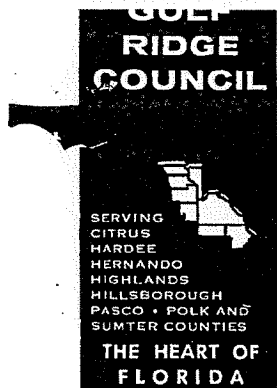
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Council #86

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President

A.L. Rogers  
Scout Executive

Dr. Van Burnette  
Commissioner

November 23, 1970

Director of Registration  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Sir:

Please send us information for placing a volunteer on the confidential list of the Boy Scouts of America, so that we can proceed to file the necessary information with you. Today I have received the enclosed written notification of possible legal action being taken against Mr. Rodney Dickenson, Scoutmaster of Troop 727, in the Thunderbird District of our council.

Our district executive has heard the tape recording of the interview between the investigating officers and one of the boys involved. It is quite apparent that sufficient information is on hand for conviction, if the parents proceed with the complaint.

Sincerely,

A. L. Rogers  
Scout Executive

ALR/jw  
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11-23-70

To Whom It May Concern:  
Gulf Ridge Boy Scout Council.

This is to advise you that  
The Polk County Solicitors Office  
and The Polk County Sheriff's  
Dept. at the request of an  
interested parent in the  
Lakeland Area, are conducting  
an investigation of possible  
crime against nature against  
one - MR. Rodney Dickinson, w/m  
Age 30 yrs. of 5510 Lakeland St.  
Lakeland, Fla.

SM 727



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Polk County Sheriff's Dept.

CHRISTMAS 1969 - LAST WEEK IN APRIL '70

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# Boy Scouts of America

PEE DEE AREA COUNCIL, INC., NO. 552

251 NORTH LAWSON STREET - P. O. BOX 268

PHONE (803) 662-6306

Florence, South Carolina 29501

July 3, 1968

## Personal and Confidential

Mr. Jack L. Rhea, Director  
Personnel and Training Division  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, N. J. 08903

Dear Jack:

This Council wishes the forms used to place names on the confidential list.

Mr. John B. Dozier, 900 Mohawk Drive, Florence, S. C.  
He is registered as Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 475,  
Florence, South Carolina. Age 21.

He attended Region Six Camp School in Scoutcraft Activities early in June.

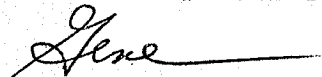
Graduate - Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.  
Taught school in District #1, Florence, S. C. last semester.

Now at Army O.C.S. He also being investigated by U. S. Army Intelligence.

Suspected of perversion.

Cordially yours,

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Pee Dee Area Council



Eugene J. Jones  
Scout Executive

EJJ:rwH

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