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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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FEB 28 1989.

SUBJECT: ROSS A. VENETT

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February 29, 1989

Mr. William R. Ward Scout Executive Juniata Walley Council, No. 497

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bill:

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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Ex-Scout leader sentenced for sex offenses

By JOSEPH GRAF Times Staff Writer

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charges of having sexual contact with juveto one year house arrest Friday for six A former Boy Scout leader was sentenced

statement he read in court before he was close to me," said Ross Venett, 28, in a caused to others, some of them have been dozen members of their families appeared at sentenced. Several of the victims and about a the sentencing in Centre County Court in "I regret very much the hurt and pain I

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him are false but he pleaded guilty to protect Venett said he thinks the charges against

Venett will then be placed on probation for months in-home detention, a \$1,000 fine, Brown Jr. sentenced Venett to 111/2 to 23 Centre County President Judge Charles

because there are two victims," Brown said believes it would burt Venett's psychiatric He said he considered a jail term, but "These kinds of cases are always difficult

charges of indecent assault and corruption of College, pleaded guilty in December to Venett, formerly of North Oak Lane, State

occasions during Boy Scout outings last year. camp off Route 322 in Polter Township. Two incidents occurred at the Seven Mountains Boy Scout Camp, which is a summer **Juvenile in his home and on three other** He was accused of indecently touching a

between the ages of 12 and 14. criminal complaint. The victims were boys the juveniles told him to, according to the In all the incidents, Venett stopped wher

behalf, including one letter from the family of letters were written to the court on Ross's Venett's attorney, Joe Amendola, said 20

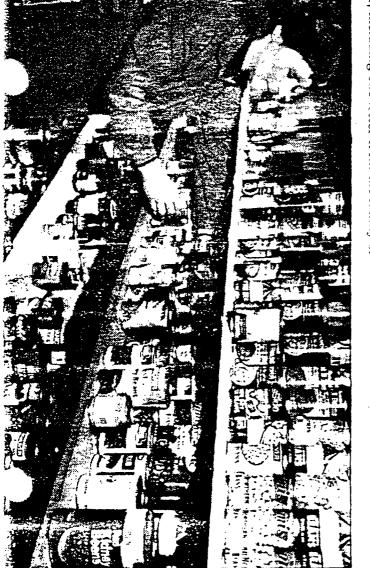
person," Amendola said. "Ross was always a sensitive and caring

we're really dealing with is a mental illness."
District Attorney Ray Gricar argued that Ross when he was a kid," he said. "What Venett should receive jail time as well as "The very thing that brings Ross to court

message and act as a deterrent. behavior," he said. A jail term would send a hospitalization. "People are responsible for their criminal

was attending. read a short statement saying he had been helped by programs for sex offenders that he Before he was sentenced, Venett rose and

certain the sentence is followed ances and emergencies. The probation office will conduct random surveillance to make and psychiatric treatment, religious observleave his residence for work, school, medical In-home detention means that Venett can



By NICK HAYS Cuts in federal anticipated tood program

Times Staff Writer

semi-annual mass food distributions — but doubted the food banks would be lamented pending cuts in the federal surplus food program — which could end the county's Centre County food bank operators Friday greatly

banks said ending the mass distributions Officials at four of the county's seven food I lead more people to seek food from the



JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL, NO. 497 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Telephone:

CUB SCOUT, BOY SCOUT AND EXPLORER PROGRAMS

February 8, 1989

Paul L. Ernst National Office, B.S.A. 1325 Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Charles D. Ball
Northeast Region, B.S.A.
Dayton, N. J. 08810-0350

Dear (Paul) (Charlie):-

Enclosed is a copy of a news article appearing in the Centre Daily Times. State College, PA. This article should close out the file on Ross Venett.

The sentenceing took place on January 26, 1989, and this article appeared in the paper on Saturday, January 28, 1989.

To my knowledge, no other media picked up the story, and I have received only a few phone calls and one letter reacting to this article.

Best wishes!

Sincerely,

William R. Ward, Council Executive

WRW/mh

December 22, 1988

Mr. William R. Ward Scout Executive Juniata Valley Council, No. 497

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROSS A. VENETT

Dear Bill:

We appreciate the previous material we received concerning the above named individual. You indicated he had been arrested on eleven charges of sexual abuse of children.

We would like newspaper articles, court records, or other material which would substantiate his arrest and any conviction, if this has occurred.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of any help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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August 12, 1988

Mr. William R. Ward Scout Executive Juniata Valley Council, No. 497

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROSS A VENETT

Sear Bill:

Thank you very much for all the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful and will enable us to refuse registration should it be attempted in some other location.

We would like to have a document with Mr. Venett's signature, if you have this available. A copy of an application or other paper with this information would help us in our identification process.

The only other thing we need is the outcome of any legal action which takes place. Once we have this information our case will be completed.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth in America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE AUG 15 1988 ERIN O'RILEY

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CUB SCOUT, BOY SCOUT AND EXPLORER PROGRAMS

July 29, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service

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SUBJECT: Ross A. Venett

Dear Paul:

Here is the information to date (7/29/88) on the pending child abuse in the Juniata Valley Council, # 497.

I am enclosing the following:

- a. Newspaper article in Centre Daily Times of July 22, 1988. (This same information was broadcast on local radio news and at least one TV station in the Harrisburg, Pa. area).
- b. A copy of the Penna. State required form sent the Youth & Children Services of Centre County, Pa.
- c. A copy of the letter of suspension of registration... hand delivered to to accused on July 25, 1988.
- d. A copy of the Confidential Record Sheet, with as much information as we have been able to obtain to date.

As a reminder, here is a brief review of the events and action taken by the Council:

Tue., July 19 1988 - The alleged assults were said to have taken place between 10:00 & 11:00 P.M. at the Seven Mountains Scout Camp.

Wed., July 20 1988 - a. At approximately 7:00 P.M., the alleged incidents



were reported to Camp Director, Cummins McNitt, and Scout Executive, William Ward, by the parents of the Scout.

- b. As per Penna. State law, the incidents were reported to Youth and Childrens Services of Centre County, the Penna. State Police, and the Child Abuse Hotline. (All calls were made by 8:15 P.M.).
- c. The State Police asked that all parties be held in camp untill their arrival.
- d. At approximately 10:00 P.M., the State Police and a representative from Youth and Children Services arrived in camp. They interviewed (separately and privately) the Scout making the accusation, a second Scout, said to be a witness, the two parents of the Scout, and the the accused Scoutmaster. These interviews were completed by 1:00 A.M., July 21 st..
- e. After these interviews, the parents took the two Scouts home and the accused was asked to leave camp.

Thurs, July 21 - The following were contacted and briefed by the Scout Executive;

James M. Gentry, Area Director
Paul I. Ernst, Director, R.S. & S.S.
Robert L. Campbell, Council Attorney
James F. Havice, Council President

- Mon., July 25 Hand delivered (enclosed) letter to Ross A. Venett. (Was unable to find him untill this date when we found him at the home of his parents). At this time no accusations were made, but verbally told Venett the reasons for suspending his registration and informed him of his right to seek review of this case pending it's outcome.
- July 26-28 Spoke to Pastor of church sponsoring accused's Troop, the Troop Scouting Coordinator, and the Troop Committee Chairman. (All are supportive of accused, but understand action taken by the Council).

Fri., July 29, 1988 - State Police called me . They said that they are continuing the investigation by interviewing other Scouts and parents in the Troop, but also said the arrest of the accused was certain and should happen within a week.

Fri. July 29, 1988 - Talked by phone to Barclay Bollas, of National Office Public Relations Service. (Discussed handling of Media, etc.)

Paul, I will keep you informed and updated as this situation develops. My thanks for your help and support.

Sincerely,

William R. Ward Council Executive

REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD A Child Protective Service Law - P.S. 38 2201

NSTRUCTIONS TO MANDATED PERSONS. Any demans who, in the course of their amployment, occupation or practice of their distribution comes into control united shall report or double a report to be made to Child Line (800-902-0310) when they have reson to delive, on the busis of their medical, professional other training and experience, that a child coming before them in their professional or orificial copieds a victim of child course. Within 48 hours after the oral report. and one chay or this report to the Child Protective Services Unit or the County Children and Youth Agency.

18: If the united has been taken into custody, you must also immediately contact the County Children and Youth Agency where the abuse occurred.

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CUB SCOUT, BOY SCOUT AND EXPLORER PROGRAMS

July 21, 1988

Ross Venett

State College, PA 16801

Dear Ross:

It is with regret that, in accordance with the policies of Boy Scouts of America, your registration with the Boy Scouts of America is hereby suspended pending the outcome of charges brought forth by the Pennsylvania State Police Department.

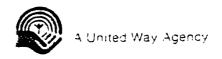
The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is that membership registration is a privilege and is not granted to everyone who applies. The Boy Scouts of America reserves the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth.

Pending the outcome of this situation, if you wish to have this decision reviewed by a Council Review Committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a Boy Scouts of America member should be reinstated.

Sincerely Yours

William R. Ward, Council Executive

WRW/mh



POLICE REPORT

Assault charged

Bellefonte police have charged Michael Gillespie, 27, of Blanchard, with simple assault, reckless endangerment, and disorderly con-

Police accused Gillespie of grabbing a women by the neck, and shoving her around, on July 7. Gillespie was arraigned before District Justice Robert May yesterday.

He is being held at Centre County Prison in lieu of \$2,000 bond.

Theft charged

State College police have charged Joseph Anders Jr., 28, of Huntingdon RD 4 with theft and receiving stolen property from Stewart's Salvage Yard on June 5.

Anders was arraigned yesterday before District Justice Clifford Yorks. He was released on recognizance of \$2,000 bond. His preliminary hearing is on July 27 at 11

Assault alleged

A 12-year-old boy was allegedly the victim of an indecent assault by a male at the Seven Mountains Boy Scout Camp, Potter Township, on Tuesday, between 10 p.m. and midnight, Rockview state police said. No further information is available. but an investigation is continuing. police said.

Antenna broken

An AM-FM antenna on a vehicle owned by WJAC-TV, 301 S. Allen St., was broken while the vehicle was parked at 200 S. Pugh St., State College, on July 16, overnight. State College police said.

Dye thrown on car

A plastic bag of green dye was thrown onto truck owned by Nick Nilio, of 458 E. College Ave., State College, while the truck was parked at that address overnight Wednesday, State College police said.

Attempted theft

Someone tried to remove an AM-FM cassette from an unlocked car owned by Lisa Downing, of 432 E. -11-00 ton State Callege while it

Car vandalized

A car owned by Dana Lisak, of 309 E. College Ave., State College, was painted with brown lacquer paint while it was parked at 255 Highland Ave., State College, overnight Monday, State College police said. Obscenities were written on the car in red nail polish.

Criminal mischief

Someone scratched the paint, and bent the windshield wipers, on a vehicle owned by Richard Chura, of 522 E. College Ave., while it was parked at that address overnight Tuesday, State College police said.

Clothing taken

A backpack, ski jacket, tapes, clothing and shoes were taken from two cars owned by Michael and Marilyn Gilligan, of 1921 E. Branch Road, State College, while the vehicles were parked at that address overnight Wednesday, State College police said.

Window broken

A window was broken yesterday on the third floor of a building at 112 S. Pugh St., State College, owned by Kissinger, Leonard and Brower Realtors, 245 S. Allen St., State College, State College police said.

Bike taken

A bike valued at \$50, owned by Patrick Neil, of 127 E. Hamilton Ave., State College, was taken from that address overnight Tuesday, State College police said. The man's 10-speed red Schwinn had been locked with a cable, which was also missing, police said.

Woman assaulted

A 28-year-old Howard woman was assaulted by a woman she knows in Liberty Township, Wednesday at 1:30 a.m., Rockview state police said. Police expect to arrest a suspect soon.

Burglary

Someone took \$335 in cash and a

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By WALTER F. NAEDELE Knight-Ridder Newspape:

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