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ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 10/7/90

FULL NAME Russell S. Peterson Welch S.S. NO. _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY Ocala STATE FL ZIP CODE 32674

DATE OF BIRTH 11/00/70 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) USA

OCCUPATION _____

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT _____ HEIGHT _____ RACE (1)

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Blond COLOR OF EYES _____

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS _____

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

MARRIED SINGLE NAME OF ^{MOTHER} SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN _____
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>50196</u> <u># 128635</u>	<u>Ocala</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>SA</u>		
<u>Chartered Organization Highlands Baptist Church</u>					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

INCIDENT: TYPE 2 DATE OF INCIDENT 9/13/90 RESOLUTION 5
Type Resolution

- 1=Scout Related
- 2=Non-scout related
- 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 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

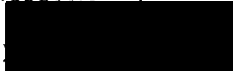
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F. STARON

Council 1, FLORIDA # 87 Signed _____



NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
521 South Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205



Mr. Paul Ernst
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
PO Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

March 25, 1991

Dear Paul:

We have received your note of March 19, regarding Russell S. Peterson, who is listed in the Boy Scouts "ineligible volunteer" file and was a former member of the North Florida Council.

I wanted to be certain that you have in your records that Peterson has officially changed his last name to Welch and his future identity may well reference as Russell S. Welch rather than Peterson.

We continue to get some feedback from Scouters regarding his activities in his district and there has been nothing to date that we're aware of that would suggest that he feels he is a part of the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely yours,

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

cc: James D. Wilson
Jim Terry



CONF019746

March 19, 1991

Mr. James J. Terry
Scout Executive
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RUSSELL S. PETERSON

Dear Jim:

A recent check of our Ineligible Volunteer File against the National Eagle Scout Association indicated that the above named individual is presently a member of NESA.

This individual is listed on our Ineligible Volunteer File and will not be permitted to register with the Boy Scouts of America. We wanted you to be aware of this, so that the individual cannot participate in any activities with the council, simply because he is a member of NESA. He should not participate in any leadership capacity or assume any responsibility in the Boy Scouts of America. He could participate as a parent if he has a son or daughter involved.

We wanted to make you aware of this, so you would not involve him. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: James D. Wilson, Southeast Region,

READY FOR FILE

MAR 13 1991

ERIN O'RILEY

CONF019747

February 4, 1991

Mr. James J. Terry
Scout Executive
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RUSSELL S. PETERSON

Dear Jim:

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: James D. Wilson, Southeast Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

521 S. Edgewood Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32205-5359
[REDACTED]

December 18, 1990

Mr. James T. Reicht
[REDACTED]

Ocala, Florida 32670

RE: Russell S. Peterson

Dear Mr. Reicht:

I have been touch with the National Council of Boy Scouts of America in Dallas, Texas, regarding your request for Russell Peterson's limited participation in Scouting per your letter of November 25, 1990.

It was indicated that there is no change in the status of the Boy Scouts of America as outlined in Mr. Terry's letter to Russell of October 8, 1990.

Sincerely,

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

bc: Paul Ernst
Jim Wilson
File

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A. GRANES

December 7, 1990

Mr. Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Services
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RUSSEL S. PETERSON (WELCH)

Dear Steve:

I have reviewed your note of November 28, and the letter from Attorney James Reich dated November 25.

We have had a firm policy that we will not register a person in one position and refuse them registration in an other position. It is felt by our attorneys and our administration that you cannot separate these items, and it would very difficult to monitor and make certain a person was registered only in certain positions with the Boy Scouts of America.

Due to the circumstances at hand, we are, therefore, requesting that Mr. Peterson not be registered with the Boy Scouts. He would not be the role model that we would want for leaders of youth members.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning this.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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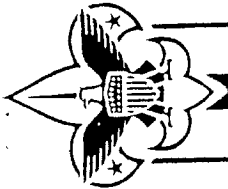
cc: James J. Terry, Council 87
Southeast Region

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MEMO

TO: Paul Grant

DATE 11/28/90



Wanted you to see this: - and
wanted your re-action.
Am thoughts are that he should
have no involvement in any way.
Sincerely,

Steven

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

JAMES T. REICH
ATTORNEY AT LAW

606 SOUTHWEST THIRD AVENUE
OCALA, FLORIDA 32670

TELEPHONE
[REDACTED]

November 25, 1990

Mr. James Terry, Jr.
North Florida Council
Boys Scouts of America
[REDACTED]

Jacksonville, FL 32205-5359

Re: Russell S. Peterson

Dear Mr. Terry:

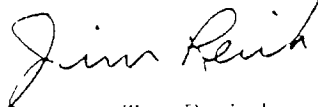
After our telephone conversation prompted by my last letter to you, I had a lengthy talk with Rusty Peterson. I explained to him the attitude you expressed to me and, while he is disappointed and distressed, he asked me to again write to you and make a request on his behalf.

He understands that, other than filing a successful appeal of your decision, he is not going to be allowed to be associated with the Boys Scouts in the same manner he has in the past. However, he is most interested in retaining the privilege of his association with the Order of the Arrow. He has, for sometime, been involved in journalistic publications for that organization and hopes that his suspension or disassociation from the Boys Scouts can be modified to the point where he can continue those activities. If your concern is his contact with young scouts whom he might be able to improperly influence, I suggest that the activities with the Order of the Arrow will not involve such contact since the people he would be associated with are older scouts.

I would appreciate your advising me if this is possible under any circumstances and, if so, what restrictions or conditions you would place on same.

Thank you for your kind cooperation and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



James T. Reich

JTR:cb

cc: Rusty Peterson

CONF019753

November 12, 1990

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A. CRINES

Mr. Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RUSSELL S. PETERSON WELCH

Dear Steve:

I appreciated the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we begin a file which will lead to refusal of registration in the future.

We appreciate any more information which you can get us to help us identify Mr. Welch, should he attempt registration in some other location.

If legal action is going to take place, we would like to have that information also. If there is to be no arrest, please tell us that so we can complete our file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF019754

10/29/90 - 9:00 a.m.

Paul Ernst called and suggested that I call Attorney Reicht and bring him up to date on the details of Rusty Peterson's activities.

10/29/90 - 1:15 p.m.

Conversation with James T. Reicht, Attorney for Russell S. Peterson went well. Candid remarks - reviewed statements by [redacted]. When asked if I thought appeal committee would be positive - I replied that [redacted] was very believable and that other comments had been referenced by [redacted] - about Rusty's activities and comments.

Mr. Reicht stated that Rusty would be informed about all of his options including "capital felony" and opportunities for psychological help.

MEMO - TO: Paul -

DATE 11/2/90

You can replace your previous file on Russell Peterson with the enclosed.

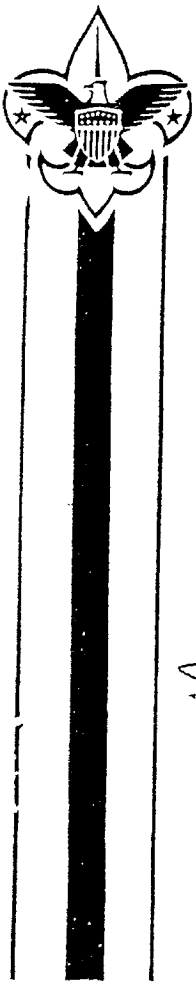
My conversation with the attorney went well - notes enclosed.

Thanks for your help -

Steve

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

CONF019755



MEMO - TO: PAUL ERNST

DATE 10/25/96

Please Review Re - Attorney RICHTS
request for Response -
Call if you have questions -

CALL
STEVE

Thanks -
[Signature]

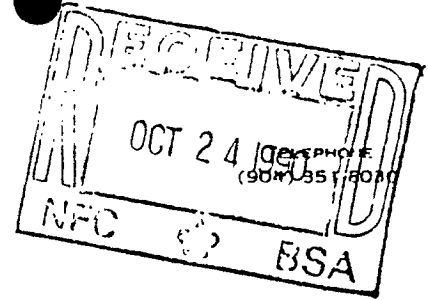
PS The file is not yet in final form, will
send better copies etc - right away

TALKED TO STEVE 10-27-96 *[Signature]*
3:30 AM - SUGGESTED CALL ATTORNEY
WITH BRAD FRETTS ONLY
[Signature]

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

JAMES T. REICH
ATTORNEY AT LAW

506 SOUTHWEST THIRD AVENUE
OCALA, FLORIDA 32670



October 23, 1990

Mr. James Terry, Jr.
North Florida Council
Boys Scouts of America
[REDACTED]

Jacksonville, FL 32205-5359

Re: Russell S. Peterson

Dear Mr. Terry:

After your letter of October 8th, 1990, suspending Russell Peterson's registration with the Boys Scouts of America was delivered to him, he contacted me for assistance. I have your letter and the attachment explaining his right for a review of his suspension.

I acknowledge that Russell is not entitled to have an attorney assist him at any review proceeding but he must make a decision on whether or not he wants a review within the sixty (60) days set forth in your attachment and is unsure how to proceed. The biggest problem he is having is the failure of your letter to notify him of the basis for his suspension.

During our conversation, I asked Russell if he inquired as to the reason for the suspension and he replied that he was told that. "It involved two male children." Russell has asked me to inquiry of you a more particular description of his misconduct and would appreciate your providing same to me.

My client has been involved with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts since he was first eligible for entry into Cub Scouts as a Bobcat. He has actively participated in scouting activities since that date and, through his diligence and desire to succeed, has attained Eagle Scout status. It occurs to me that this is a young man who, over the years, has demonstrated those qualities most admired and promoted by the Boy Scouts.

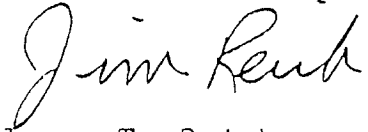
If his conduct has strayed from those ideals to the point that his separation from any association with Boy Scouts of America is necessary, he at the very least deserves to be told what it is that he has done that is unacceptable. As you might well imagine to someone who has been involved in scouting to the extent this young man has since childhood, scouting is an important part of his life and he does not want to lose the association.

*Added to IV file
Added to summary file 10/29/90*

CONF019757

I would appreciate some response to this letter at your earliest convenience so that I may discuss all the above with Russell. Thank you for your kind cooperation and attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Reich".

James T. Reich

JTR:cb

cc: Mr. Russell Peterson



NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

521 S. Edgewood Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32205-5159
[REDACTED]

Mr. Russell S. Peterson
[REDACTED]

October 8, 1990

Ocala, Florida 32674

Dear Mr. Peterson:

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 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 me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining 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,

Jim Terry
Scout Executive



Subject: Russell S. Peterson, Scoutmasters Assistant Troop 196 Ocala

Christopher Goode Scoutmaster of Troop 196 had received a call from Howard Leary II, also an Assistant Scoutmaster from Troop 196 in Ocala, regarding Leary's concern with Russell Peterson.

Chris relayed to me that Howard Leary works at the hospital and shared a house with Russell Peterson. Leary indicated that on July 13 he had gone home at an unexpected time. Leary indicated that Peterson "always hangs around with younger guys" and that he had heard vulgar remarks coming from the bedroom upon his unexpected arrival at the house. He indicated that he had seen two young males approximately ten (10) and twelve (12) years of age exit the bedroom nude as a result of the telephone ringing. Following some conversation, Leary confronted Rusty and they had a mutual agreement that things would not be shared with anyone else and that this was his first time and that he was glad he was caught, Leary indicated at that time he would tell no one and he moved out of the house. Leary also had indicated that there were two (2) events on a prior occasion that some parents had some forward and made some remarks about Peterson and that the two (2) youth were pulled out of Scouting.

I made contact with Howard Leary at the Monroe Regional Medical Center and received the following comments from him regarding the incident.

Date of this conversation is October 8, 1990, 7:15 p.m.

Howard Leary indicated that he had been staying at this house with Russell Peterson. That between 4 and 5 p.m. he had gone home unannounced and had noticed bicycles in the driveway. He assumed that they were neighborhood kids as they had been there previously. The house doors were locked, the lights were off, the computer was left on and he heard voices in the hallway. The door to the hallway bedroom was closed. He heard someone say from the bedroom "wow you could rape someone with that" the next comment that he over heard was "who said anything about rape" the next comment "well, sit on it." At that time the telephone rang and Rusty came from the bedroom looking for the telephone and had a swim suit on. Rusty said "stay in the room." Howard said two (2) boys who were completely nude came running from the room and subsequently got dressed and went on home.

Rusty told Howard "I'm sorry." Rusty had indicated that he had had these feelings before and that they had never gotten out of control, that this was the youngsters idea and that they were playing "truth of dare." Rusty asked, "have I lost a friend or are you going to help me?" He said, "I don't have any morals."

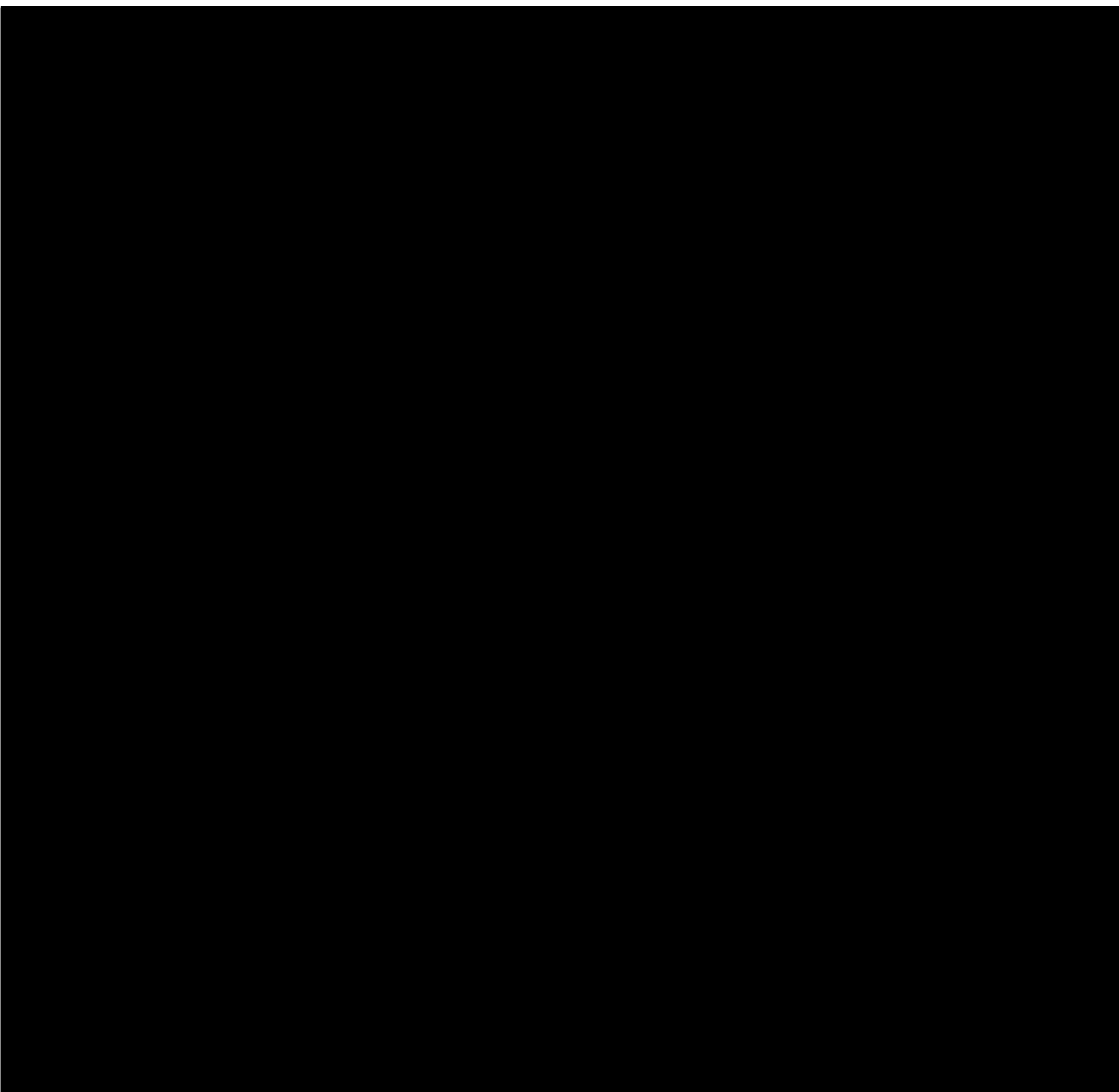
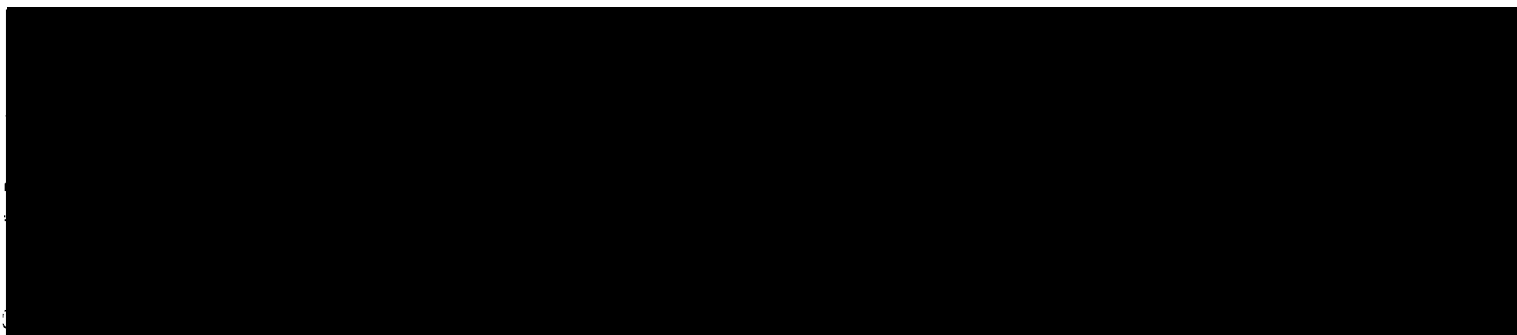
Howard had indicated that his conscience had bothered him considerably in the time that had elapsed since the incident until he spoke with Chris Goode about what had happened.

In that Howard Leary's father, [REDACTED] was a Police Officer in Ocala. I suggested that Howard talk with his father about the incident. I subsequently talked with Officer Leary and offered our support in any investigation they felt was necessary.

After contact with District Chairman (Attorney) Bob Appleget I met him in his office at about 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday afternoon October 9. Chris Goode (Scoutmaster) was already present. Bob Appleget insisted on an early conversation with [REDACTED] (Rusty's [REDACTED], now known as [REDACTED] who is the District's Program Chairman for Scouting. He had invited [REDACTED] to come to his law office and she arrived shortly. We indicated that we had a great deal of respect and feelings for her and that we felt there was information regarding Rusty that she should be aware of. I indicated that questions had been raised about her son's activities with younger youth by another adult, and we really had no option but to suspend Rusty as outlined by the Youth Protection Program of the Boy Scouts of America. [REDACTED] reaction was as you would expect any mother's reaction to be, she was in disbelief and shock and was surprised that anything like this could possibly occur. Bob Appleget advised her to secure an Attorney and if she wished to encourage Rusty to proceed with the appeal process. Following [REDACTED] departure in about ten (10) minutes Rusty Peterson arrived at the office of Bob Appleget. In conversation with Rusty Peterson I advised him that as a result of the activities on September 13 concerns had been expressed regarding his continued participation in Scouting and that we had no choice at this time but to suspend his registration. I read his letter, gave him \$4.20 as registration refund and his information on the appeal process. Although he denied the allegations he was not shocked and did not really have any reaction to the statements that were made.

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Bob Appleget, who is an Attorney, indicated to Peterson that he was going to take his "Boy Scout hat" off and put his "Attorney" hat on. He advised Rusty to secure legal counsel and not to make any comments to anyone at all about the allegations.

Rusty S. Peterson has recently had his name changed to Russell S. Welch.



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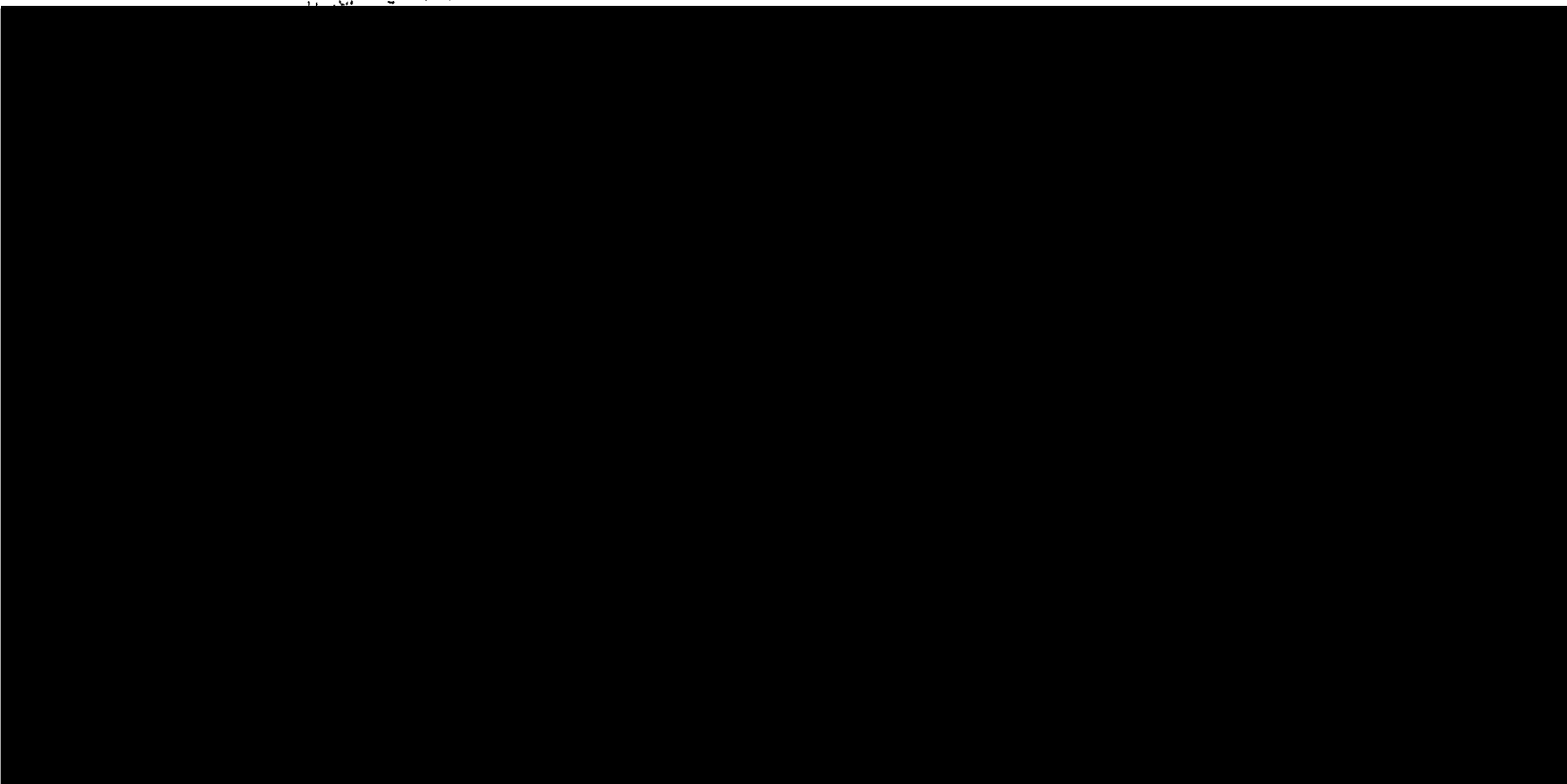
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