

Cortez, Stephen J 73

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 23, 1973

FULL NAME STEPHEN JOSEPH CORTEZ
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS P. O. BOX 847

CITY VIDALIA STATE LOUISIANA ZIP CODE 71373

AGE 32 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION ROMAN CATHOLIC NATIONALITY SPANISH OR MEXICAN DESCENT

OCCUPATION TROOPER - LA. STATE POLICE

EDUCATION DEGREE FROM SPINGHILL COLLEGE - MOBILE, ALABAMA

WEIGHT 190 COLOR DARK COMPLEXION HEIGHT 5' 10"

COLOR OF HAIR DARK BROWN COLOR OF EYES BROWN

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS HORSES

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN NONE
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
TROOP 331	VIDALIA	LA.	SCOUTMASTER	12/1/72-12/31/73	2/73 (Relieved)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

IMPROPER AND QUESTIONABLE CONDUCT WITH BOYS.

UNNATURAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOYS.

REFER TO FILE.

signed Frank J. Malley
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Ouachita Valley # 213
Monroe, La.

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April 30, 1973

Mr. Frank Z. Malley
Scout Executive
Ounchita Valley Council, No.213

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Trooper Stephen J. Cortez

Dear Mr. Malley:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above man and the enclosed information. This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in getting them for us.

This additional information will be most important in the future, should this man ever again attempt to register in Scouting.

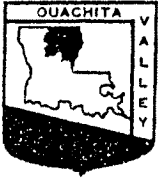
Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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April 23, 1973

Mr. Paul Ernst
Boy Scouts of America
Registration & Subscription
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL
RE: Trooper Stephen J.
Cortez

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Enclosed is the completed confidential record sheet on Stephen Joseph Cortez as related to the personal and confidential report that you requested.

We have removed him from our files and he has been notified that he has been relieved of his Scouting position.

If there is anything else you feel that we should do, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Frank Z. Maley
Scout Executive

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Enclosure



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From La State Police Files

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

Name: CORTAZ (LAST) STEVEN (FIRST) Joseph (INITIAL)

Address: 3377 LAUREL ST., ALBANY, LA. House: Floor: Apt. No. Phone: 445-5134

Male: Female: Date of birth: 7-02-1940 Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 157 1/2 lbs.

Color of hair: BROWN Color of eyes: BROWN Religion: CATHOLIC Race: CAUCASIAN

Married: Date 19 Single: Divorced: Widowed: Separated: Engaged:

Wife's maiden name: Father's name: VINCENT P. CORTAZ

Military Service

Branch from to Kind of discharge

FORMAL EDUCATION HISTORY

Grade School THIBODEAU College Grade 8th

High school, or prep. school St. Joseph's High School Metairie, N.J. From 9-54 To 6-58
(NAME) (CITY) MO. YR. MO. YR.

Col or University Spring Hill College Mobile, ALA. From 9-59 To 9-64
(NAME) (CITY) MO. YR. MO. YR.

Major: Business Administration - Accounting

Minor: Secondary Education

ADVANCED DEGREES:	COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DATE

Other schooling, or specialized courses:

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY	SUBJECT	DATE COMPLETED
<u>St. Michael's College</u>	<u>Swain FC, N. J.</u>	<u>Modern Mathematics</u>	<u>8-64</u>
<u>St. Mary's Dominican College</u>	<u>Greenville, S.C.</u>	<u>English Workshop</u>	<u>5-62</u>

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From No. State Police files

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

LAST POSITION:

Employer: Bill Crill #1 Address: ALEXANDRIA, LA. Phone:
Position held: Short Order Cook Night Mgr. Type of work: Short Order Restaurant
How long there? From: 9-28 1965, to 11-25 1965. Highest salary received: \$60 MONTH (WEEK) YEAR
Reason for leaving? Moved apartment to State Police
Comments:

SECOND FROM LAST POSITION:

Employer: Rock House, Baton Rouge Address: Alexandria Phone:
Position held: Assistant Skinner - Night Shift Type of work: Skinning Cattle
How long there? From: 9-18 1965, to 9-28 1965. Highest salary received: \$50 MONTH (WEEK) YEAR
Reason for leaving? Other work needed
Comments:

THIRD FROM LAST POSITION:

Employer: Associated Builders Contractors Address: Houston, Texas Phone:
Position held: Supervisor in Equipment Team Type of work: Pipeline construction
How long there? From: 8- 1965, to 8 1965. Highest salary received: 150 MONTH (WEEK) YEAR
Reason for leaving? Limited work in Winklesville area and didn't want to relocate.
Comments:

FOURTH FROM LAST POSITION:

Employer: R.L. Polk Co. (City Directory) Address: Richmond, Virginia Phone:
Position held: Enumerator Type of work: Statistical information for city directory - Birmingham
How long there? From: 7 1965, to 8 1965. Highest salary received: 50 MONTH (WEEK) YEAR
Reason for leaving? Limited amount of Alex - Winklesville area
Comments:

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From la. State Police Files

SPRING HILL COLLEGE

MOBILE, ALABAMA

TO ALL WHO MAY READ THESE LETTERS
GREETINGS IN THE LORD

THE TRUSTEES OF SPRING HILL COLLEGE
upon the recommendation of the Faculty
have conferred upon

STEPHEN J. CORTEZ

after satisfactory completion of the
prescribed requirements the degree

BACHELOR OF ARTS

with all the honors, rights and privileges
appertaining thereto here and elsewhere



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, under
the SEAL OF THE COLLEGE, the
signatures of its duly authorized
officers are hereunto affixed this
ninth day of May, 1971.

William J. Rames, SJ.
PRESIDENT

Charles J. Boyle
DEAN

Daniel P. Senear
MAJOR PROFESSOR

Charles C. Smith
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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OUACHITA VALLEY COUNCIL
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March 14, 1973

Mr. Frank Z. Malley
Scout Executive
Ouachita Valley Council, No. 213

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Stephen J. Cortez

Dear Mr. Malley:

Thank you for your letter of March 6th, and the enclosed statement from [REDACTED] concerning Trooper Stephen Cortez, Scoutmaster of Troop 331. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

In response to your question as to what procedure we suggest, please return our confidential record sheet as soon as possible and recruit a new Scoutmaster for troop 331.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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Mr. Ernst,

As indicated, I
already told S. by co.
we were putting the man
on Conf. He is asking
suggested procedure. I
will tell her we are
removing her from troop.
But do I have to tell
her to get new SM
doesn't she understand
this?

MAYBE
TELL

NOT
HIGHER

TO RECRUIT
NEW SM.



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March 6, 1973

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Registration & Fulfillment
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Trooper Stephen J. Cortez
Registered as Scoutmaster
of Troop 331, Vidalia, La.

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Enclosed is the statement made by [redacted] in regard to the conduct of Mr. Stephen Cortez with [redacted] son [redacted]. To date this is the only statement that we have been able to obtain from any of the parents involved.

We are still securing discriptional data that you ask for - just as soon as it is complete, we will forward it to you.

The enclosed statement may be enough for you to make a decision or action.

Please inform me of your decision, and suggestion of what procedure we should take.

Sincerely,

Frank Z. Maley
Frank Z. Maley
Scout Executive

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NATCHEZ, MISS.
ON BYPASS
442-4352

VIDALIA, LA.
SHOPPING CENTER
336-7167

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

ON OR ABOUT SATURSDAY DECEMBER, 9, 1972 STEVE CORTEZ PICKED UP MY SON [REDACTED] AT OUR HOME ON OLD RIVER ABOVE MINORCA BOAT CAMP. THIS WAS APPROXIMATELY 3:30 IN THE AFTERNOON, THE PURPOSE WAS TO MEASURE HIM FOR AN INDIAN COSTUME. ME CORTEZ TOLD MY WIFE THEY WOULD BE BACK IN A COUPLE OF HOURS.

LATER THAT EVENING MY WIFE WAS FEEDING OUR HORSES ON THE LEVEL, DIRECTLY ACCROSS FROM MR. CORTEZ HOUSE, THE TIME WAS APPROXIMATELY 6:00 BECAUSE IT WAS NEAR DARK. SHE NOTICE NO LIGHTS WERE ON IN MR. CORTEZ HOUSE, BUT HIS CAR WAS STILL THERE. SHE FINISHED FEEDING THE HORSES AND DROVE AROUND TO ME CORTEZ HOUSE, THERE WAS STILL NO LIGHTS ON IN THE HOUSE. SHE GOT OUT OF HER CAR, AND WENT TO THE FRONT DOOR, THE LIGHTS CAME ON, AND MR CORTEZ CAME TO THE DOOR. SHE ASKED IF [REDACTED] WAS READY TO GO HOME, AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] CAME FROM A BACK ROOM PUTTING ON HIS CLOTHES. MRS [REDACTED] TOOK [REDACTED] AND LEFT. SHE CAME BY MY PLACE OF BUSINESS TELLING ME SHE SUSPECTED SOME WRONG DOINGS. I COULD TELL SHE WAS UPSET, BUT AT THAT TIME I FELT IT COULF HAVE BEEN ONLY HER THOUGHTS, AND PROBABLY NOTHING OUR OF THE WAY HAD TAKEN PLACE, LATER THAT EVENING WHEN I GOT HOME WE DISCUSSED WHAT HAD HAPPENED WITH OUR SON [REDACTED] HE SIMPLY SAID NOTHIN.

BECAUSE OF MY WIFE'S STRONG FEELING THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING TO HER SUSPENSION BECAUSE OF [REDACTED] BEING UNDRESSED WHEN SHE CAME TO GET HIM:THE BOY WAS QUESTIONED FURTHER, HE WAS VERY RELUCTENT TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT AFTER SOME TALK HE TOLD US THAT FROM THE TIME HE, AND MR CORTEZ ARRIVED AT THE SCOUT HUT OR HIS HOME AT THAT TIME HE WAS UNDRESSED THE ENTIRE TIME. WHILE BEING UNDRESSED ^CORTEZ HELD HIM CLOSE TO HIS BODY, LAID HIM ON THE BED, AND ALSO LAY DOWN WITH HIM, I STOOD HIM ON HIS HEAD, WRESTELED WITH HIM ALL THIS TIME. DURING ALL THIS TIME [REDACTED] WAS UN-CLOTHED.

AFTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT I CONTACTED RICHARD MONCRIEF ANOTHER SCOUT MASTER IN VIDALIA, I ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT I SHOULD DO. AFTER DISCUSSION WE DECIDED THAT I SHOULD GO, AND TALK TO MR CORTEZ, I DID THIS, HOWEVER HE STATED THAT NOTHING HAPPENED. AFTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT I DECIDED TO TAKE [REDACTED] OUT OF MR. CORTEZ TROUP, AND ON THE FRIDAY FOLLOWING SATURSDAY DECEMBER 9, 1972 I TOLD CORTEZ THAT I WAS TAKING [REDACTED] OUR OF HIS TROOP, AND TOLD HIM WHY, AND ALSO THAT I HAD

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NATCHEZ, MISS.
ON BYPASS
442-4352

VIDALIA, LA.
SHOPPING CENTER
336-7187

TOLD RICHARD MONCRIEF WHAT HAD HAPPENED. HE SAID AT THAT TIME HE WAS SORRY, AND NEVER MADE ANY OTHER EXPLANTION.

NOTHING TRANSPIRED UNTIL SUNDAY DEC. 17 WHEN MR. [REDACTED] CAME TO SEE ME AT MY HOME, AND TOLD ME THAT HIS BOY HAD TOLD HIM OF SOME PECULIAR HAPPENINGS WHILE HE HAD BEEN WITH MR. CORTEZ. AT THIS TIME I ~~HAD~~ TALKED TO NO ONE OTHER THAN RICHARD MONCRIEF ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH MR. [REDACTED] WE DECIDED TO HAVE A PARENTS MEETING THE FOLLOWING WEEK TO FIND OUT IF ANY ONE ELSE HAD ANY SUSPISIONS ABOUT MR. CORTEZ.

MR. JIM PACE OF WINNSBORO WAS CONTACTED, AND A MEETING WAS SET UP FOR WEDNESDAY DEC. 20TH AT 4:00 O'CLOCK. ON WEDNESDAY THE 20TH A REPRESENTIVE OF THE STATE POLICE ASKED IF HE COULD ATTEND THIS MEETING, AND WAS GIVEN PERMISSION. AT THIS MEETING DURING THE FIRST TWO HOURS ONLY DUSCISSION WENT ON BETWEEN THOSE ATTENDING TRYING TO DECIDE IF WHAT WE HAD SUSPECTED WAS TRUE OR IF EVERYONE HAD SURMIZED TOO MANY THING. IT WAS DECIDED THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG, AND AT THAT TIME STATMENTS FROM THOSE ATTENDING AND TAPE RECORDINGS OF SOME OF THE BOYS INVOLVED. AFTER THIS WAS DONE CAPTAIN LABARTO OF STATE POLICE SAID THEY WOULD INVESTIGATE CORTEZ, AND LET US KNOW OF THEIR FINDINGS. A FEW DAYS LATER A ARTICLE IN THE PAPER STATED THAT STEVE CORTEZ HAD BEEN RELEASED OF HIS DUTIES BECAUSE OF CONDUCT UNBECOMMING AS A STATE POLICE OFFICER.

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February 15, 1973

Mr. Frank Z. Malley
Scout Executive
Ozachita Valley Council, No. 213

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Trooper Stephen J. Cortez

Dear Mr. Malley:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 1973 and the enclosed correspondence from [REDACTED] concerning Trooper Cortez. We have placed this information in our file.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. We would also need a signed statement from someone directly involved with this man. This material is most important for future reference should he attempt to register again in Scouting.

Sincerely

Paul I Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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February 6, 1973

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Executive Registration and Subscription
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Ernst:

This is to inform you that we have a possible subject to be considered as a person that should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

The enclosed letter from [redacted] the State Police of Louisiana, summarizes the general nature of allegations made by some parents of boys that Mr. Cortez was associated with. We are finding it difficult to obtain hard facts related to this incident, but we are pursuing the task of obtaining signed statements by parents of the boys involved.

There have been no legal accusations made or public hearings involved in any way, and as you will note, the state police avoided investigation by allowing the man to resign from his post.

I am using your letter of December 4th as reference to what and how we should proceed in this matter; but if you have additional information and help, I would appreciate your informing me of such.

According to your letter of December 4th, I will do nothing until I hear from you as far as procedure.

Sincerely,

Frank Z. Maley
Frank Z. Maley
Scout Executive

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CC: SOUTH CENTRAL REGION



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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



COL. DONALD J. THIBODEAUX
SUPERINTENDENT

CONFIDENTIAL

MONROE, LOUISIANA
15 JANUARY 1973

CONFIDENTIAL

FRANK KIRBY, CHIEF DEPUTY
OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFFS DEPT.
MONROE, LOUISIANA

RE: TROOPER STEPHEN J. CORTEZ
FERRIDAY, LOUISIANA
CONCORDIA PARISH

DEAR FRANK:

REFERENCE OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, WISH TO ADVISE THAT HE WAS ALLOWED TO RESIGN FROM THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE ON 21 DECEMBER 1972, WHICH SAVED THE DIVISION THE EMBARRASSMENT OF A CIVIL SERVICE HEARING IN THE EVENT THE FORMER OFFICER DECIDED TO APPEAL A SEPARATION.

TROOPER CORTEZ WAS A RESIDENT OFFICER OF CONCORDIA PARISH AND ATTACHED TO TROOP E, ALEXANDRIA. ON OR ABOUT THE 19TH OF DECEMBER THE CAPTAIN OF TROOP E ADVISED THE UNDERSIGNED THAT HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY A GROUP OF CITIZENS IN CONCORDIA PARISH THAT A MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN THAT PARISH IN REGARD TO SOME WRONGDOINGS OF THE RESIDENT OFFICER, TROOPER CORTEZ. I ADVISED THE CAPTAIN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND INVESTIGATE THE REASON FOR THE MEETING IF JUSTIFIED. ON DECEMBER 20TH HE REPORTED TO ME THAT A GROUP OF PARENTS HAD TOLD HIM THAT SEVERAL OF THEIR BOYS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO UNNATURAL SEXUAL ATTACKS BY TROOPER CORTEZ. THE CAPTAIN CONTACTED SEVERAL OF THESE BOYS WHOSE AGES RANGED FROM 12 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OBTAINED TAPED RECORDING FROM SEVERAL OF THEM IN WHICH THEY DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THESE SEXUAL APPROACHES MADE BY THE OFFICER OVER A PERIOD OF A YEAR. ONE OF THEM DESCRIBED SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY THE OFFICER TO PERFORM UNNATURAL, ILLEGAL, SEXUAL ACTS ON THE BOY WHILE ENROUTE TO AND RETURNING FROM A BOY SCOUT ENCAMPMENT THAT WAS HELD IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA LAST SUMMER. IT SEEMS THAT CORTEZ WAS CONNECTED IN SOME MANNER WITH THE BOY SCOUT ORGANIZATION IN CONCORDIA PARISH AND COMMITTED THE SEXUAL ADVANCES WITH THE BOY SCOUTS THAT HE HAD CONTACT WITH IN HIS CAPACITY WITH THE GROUP.

THE PARENTS OF THE BOYS AND THE BOYS THEMSELVES WERE HESITANT TO CARRY THE MATTER ANY FURTHER AND THE TROOPER WAS ALLOWED TO RESIGN FROM THE DIVISION AND NOT ACTUALLY FIRED. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD HAVE RESULTED HAD HE NOT VOLUNTEERED TO RESIGN. THIS SEPARATION OCCURRED ON 21 DECEMBER 1972, AT STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN BATON ROUGE.

IT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH YOUNG BOYS GROUPS OF ANY TYPE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WHICH YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR IN YOUR YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

SINCERELY YOURS

[Redacted signature block]

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Mr. Ernst

No legal accusations

Should we put name

on Conf? YES write &

tell S. by ev. we need

more info? YES

SIGNED
STATEMENTS
IF POSS.

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