

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 118 Date 12/13/90

Full Name Thomas A. Janiak  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City Hickory Hills State IL Zip Code 60457

Date of Birth 07-16-49 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 41 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Teacher Education College Graduate

Weight 175 Height 5'7" Race White

Color of Hair Bald/Brown Color of Eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Characteristics or Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or Single Single Children none  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's Name None

Scouting Connections:

Chartered Organization Chicago Area Council

Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Position Council MAL <sup>D8690 # A14247</sup> Date Registered \_\_\_\_\_ Date Resigned \_\_\_\_\_

Special Recognition Business Manager Owasippe Scout Reservation 16 years

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTED**

Providing Alcohol/Drugs to Minors/Suspected Child Sexual Abuse

MAY 01 1991

JOSEPH L. ANGELO  
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SIGNED Nelson L. Satter  
Scout Executive

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May 1, 1991

Mr. Nelson L. Carter  
Scout Executive  
Chicago Area Council, No. 118

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS A. JANIAK

Dear Lin:

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: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

READY FOR FILE  
MAY 01 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

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April 10, 1991

Mr. Thomas A. Janiak  
████████████████████  
Hickory Hills, IL 60457

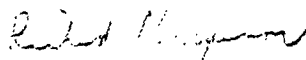
Dear Mr. Janiak:

The East Central Region's Standard of Leadership Committee met on April 2, as scheduled, to consider your appeal regarding the denial of your registration with the Boy Scouts of America. As you know, you were invited to attend, but chose instead to submit a letter outlining your feelings concerning your denial of membership. We also reviewed the procedure followed by the Chicago Area Council in arriving at their conclusion.

It is the judgment of our Standards of Leadership Committee that your denial of membership be upheld.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must write within 30 days to the Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, 1305 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving Texas 75015-2079, explaining why you believe the decision is in error, before review proceedings will be initiated at the national level.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Kasperson, Chairman  
Standards of Leadership Committee

/ja

cc: M. G. Cruse, Regional Director  
P. M. Barbernitz, Assistant Regional Director  
E. L. Carter, Scout Executive (attach copy of Janiak's letter)

bcc: Paul Ernst, S108 (attach copy of Janiak's letter)

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Thomas A. Janiak  
Hickory Hills, IL 60457

4-1-91

Asst. Regional Director  
East Central Region  
Boy Scouts of America

[REDACTED]  
Naperville Illinois 60566-7085

Dear Mr. Barbernitz,

I am writing this letter to respond, as best I can, to an action taken by the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, concerning my membership in the organization.

I do not attempt to make any excuse or denial of allowing a minor to drink alcohol in my presence. On the day in question, I was at home drinking with friends, the individuals involved did come to my residence and I did not stop them from having beer while they were there. The following morning, Monday 12-10-90, I was so disgusted with my behavior and my lack of control of the situation that I called Christ Hospital and asked for help. At that time, I was admitted into the Karl Meyer, Alcohol Rehabilitation Center.

On December 13th, while I was in the rehabilitation center, I had a very short phone conversation with a Detective Troy of the Hickory Hills police department. He asked me to come into the station once I was released from Christ Hospital. He informed me that he had received a complaint in relationship to my drinking and wished to discuss this with me. I told him I would be in the rehabilitation program until December 28th and that I would meet with him as soon as possible after that date. Due to the New Years Holidays Detective Troy and I were not able to get together until January 2nd 1991. I went into the station on that date and told him honestly what had transpired. I was at that time charged with a misdemeanor. I appeared in court on February 14th and was given a period of three month supervision by the judge.

Since Dec. 10th, the day I entered Christ Hospital, I have not had any alcohol. Currently, I am participating in an AA program and have had little desire to drink. I am a recovering Alcoholic who, in his drinking, made a mistake. I do not make excuses for my behavior, however, as long as I am sober I know I will never do such a thing again. I went to the police in an attempt to deal with the situation and to do what was right.. I do not regret in anyway my honesty with the police in my attempt to straighten out my life.

I have been involved with the Scouting program since the age of eight years old some 33 years ago. I was both a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout. I have been involved as an adult as a Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, Explorer Advisor, Committeeman, and Council Member At Large. I have worked for the Council (Chicago) in summer camp programs since 1973. In this area I have been a Camp Commissioner, Sr. Commissioner, Asst. Camp Director High Adventure Director, and my last involvement was last year when I was the Asst. Director of Owasippe for Administration. (This is also my major academic background.)

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There are two things in my life that are very important to me. One is my career in teaching and the second is my long time involvement with Scouting. I request that you might consider the following in making your final decision:

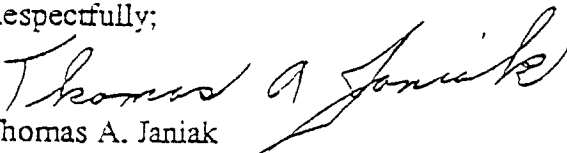
- 1- my self admittance into a rehabilitation program at Christ Hospital to deal with my drinking
- 2- my non-drinking since Dec. 10th 1990 and my commitment to maintain this behavior
- 3- my attendance and participation in the A.A. fellowship to help me in my program of non-drinking
- 4- my long standing and good record with the BSA in my involvement with the program

Please consider the following options in relation to your resolution to this situation.

- 1- You could find that my 33 year relationship with the organization should come to an end due to my lack of control on December 9th 1990.
- 2- You could review this case after a defined amount of time, reviewing the facts, plus the length and quality of my sobriety and then make a final decision based on this information. This would be similar to the way the court has elected to act in this case.
- 3- You could decide that I have done those things I could do to resolve my drinking problem, that I still have more to offer the organization and reinstate my membership with the Scouting.

Whatever your decision is, I know it will be in the best interest for the organization and for me. I trust in your wisdom and your concerns. I truly hope that I may again have the honor of serving with you in the efforts of our Scouting movement.

Respectfully;

  
Thomas A. Janiak

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NOTES TO FILE

March 19, 1991

RE: Thomas Janiak

FROM: Peter M. Barbernitz

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Janiak Did not show! —  
No attorney too

TAJ

Thomas Janiak  
[Redacted]  
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2-20-91

Regional Director

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East Central Region

M. Gene Cruse  
Regional Director  
East Central Region  
Boy Scouts of America

[Redacted]

Naperville Illinois 60566-7085

Dear Mr. Cruse,

I am writing this letter to request consideration in respect to an action taken by the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, concerning my membership in the organization. I am at this time requesting a review of the suspension of my membership with your consideration of all the actions that have taken place since the time of the suspension. I am furthermore requesting reinstatement of my active membership in the organization.

The letter from Nelson L. Carter was mailed to me on 1-7-91 and received by me on 1-8-91. Therefore I do feel that I have complied with the sixty day guidelines for such a review.

Respectfully;

*Thomas Janiak*

Thomas A. Janiak

*[Handwritten mark]*

Note: Please notify me of the procedures and deadlines I will need to meet for the submitting of any letters of support, references, and documentation that would be beneficial to my petition. Your kind assistance in this matter is truly appreciated.

C.C. - Nelson L. Carter



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

VERSUS

Hickory Hills

Thomas A. Janiak

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Aurelia Pucinski

Clerk of the Circuit Court

William P. Gask, Cook County Det. Robert Tracy

JUDGE

John J. Walker

11-13-91

16 FC 3mo' jail 5/9/93 deal

(PE)

plead guilty to 1st degree murder & forward (EG)

guilty 3 mo. supervision \$90 fine & court costs.

Docket No. 91MC5000069

Court Date 2-24-91

Room 10-1

Time 1:00 PM

DATE

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BOND NO. D0114579

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APPEARANCE HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE CORRECT.

DATE 1/20/91

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to the delinquency of a minor

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY-ILL.

CHARGES

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03 PENALTY OF THE LAW

04 CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

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to the delinquency of a minor

11-13-91

# Argo librarian admits giving students beer

By MIKE NOLAN  
Staff Writer

An Argo Community High School librarian faces charges of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile after admitting he served beer to students during parties in his Hickory Hills apartment, police said.

Hickory Hills police arrested Thomas Janiak, 41, after he admitted giving beer to students several times during the past year, police said.

The president of the District 217 school board said the board would review the charges and "take whatever action is appropriate."

Police charged Janiak Wednesday with two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, police said.

Police began investigating last month after receiving a call from the mother of a student at the Summit high school who said her son had been at a party at Janiak's apartment in the 8900 block of South Roberts Road, police said.

Police said they interviewed several students, including two 16-year-old boys from Bridgeview, who also told of parties at Janiak's

apartment.

A complaint had been filed in December with Argo Principal Donald Childs by parents of two children concerning Janiak, according to police.

Police said Janiak told them he had joined an alcohol abuse rehabilitation program. About a year ago he started inviting students to his apartment, and the parties became more frequent, police said.

"It was the same group of kids, like four, five or six kids, who would hang out there," Hickory Hills Detective Bob Troy said.

Police said Janiak told them some of the students smoked marijuana, but that he did not provide them any drugs.

Eugene Wroblewski, school board president, said he was waiting for the board's attorney to advise the board.

Wroblewski said he believed Janiak had been employed at Argo for at least 10 years. Janiak also worked as a counselor at a Boy Scout summer camp in Michigan, police said.

Police said Janiak posted \$100 bond and was released. He was scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 14 at the 5th District Circuit Court in Bridgeview.

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CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL #118  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

730 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606

*Jan*  
*Open File*

December 13, 1990

Personal and Confidential

Mr. Thomas A. Janiak

Hickory Hills, Illinois 60457

Dear Mr. Janiak:

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 that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. Since your registration fee expires December 31, 1990, you are not due a refund.

You should understand that Boy Scouts of America 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 meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a Boy Scouts of America regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a Boy Scouts of America member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

Regional Director

JAN 10 1991

Nelson L. Carter  
Scout Executive

East Central Region

NLC/ck  
Encl.

bc/ Gene Cruse

The following information is provided should you desire a review by the East Central Region, Boy Scouts of America, of the decision to suspend your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, East Central Region, Boy Scouts of America, 230 West Diehl Road, P.O. Box 3085, Naperville, Illinois 60566-7085. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been suspended.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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SIGNED

*Julian L. Satter*

Scout Executive

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CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM

The following information was provided to:

Kenneth P. Walters, Director Finance/Support Services

(Name of person/position)

Chicago, IL 60606

(Telephone number/address)

Name of suspected abuser: Thomas A. Janiak

Address: Hickory Hills, IL 60457

Telephone No. Scouting position if known: Council MAL

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

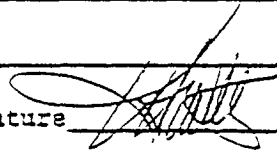
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Behavioral indicators observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Other indicators observed/known: Numerous victims, given Alcohol/Drugs

Possible Child Sexual Abuse

Reporter's name and position: Same as above

Date of report 12-13-90 Signature 

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CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM

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(Name of person/position)

Chicago, IL 60606

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Telephone No. Scouting position if known: Council MAL

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No substantiated evidence.

Reporter's name and position: Same as above

Date of report 12-13-90

Signature [Signature]

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Information you recently sent. This will be most  
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Please give us the outcome of the legal action once it has been

Director  
Statistical Service

Champaign, East Central Region