

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: March 9, 1989

FULL NAME Timothy H. Jones S.S. NO. [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Buffalo STATE New York ZIP CODE 14220

DATE OF BIRTH 4/23/63 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION N/A NATIONALITY (Citizen of) American

OCCUPATION Teacher's Aide

EDUCATION 14 1/2 years

WEIGHT 160 lbs. HEIGHT 5'11" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Blonde COLOR OF EYES Blue

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS _____

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

MARRIED SINGLE NAME OF SPOUSE _____

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

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
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Chartered Organization _____

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Greater Niagara Frontier Council Camping Committee

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Type Resolution

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| 2=Non-scout related | 2. Criminal action |
| 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) | 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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Council Greater Niagara Frontier #380 Signed _____ SCOUT EXECUTIVE F. STARON

APPENDIX A

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Spouse's name

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Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
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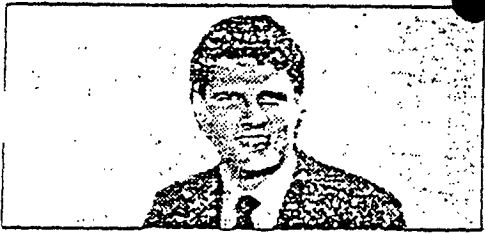
Special Recognition

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Accused by Buffalo, N. Y. Police Department of four (4) counts of sodomy with teenage boys.

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed [Signature]
Scout Executive

Council Greater Niagara Frontier #380



Molester makes a case for openness by telling the story of his sad secret

ALBION — He has time to think now. Plenty of time. Which is good, because Tim Jones has a lot to think about. He thinks not only about his own life, and the men who all but stole it from him, but about the lives he soiled.

Tim Jones will be at the Orleans Correctional Facility for at least four years. He is 26, a slight, wiry fellow with blond hair and beard and intense blue eyes. He is here because, when he was a teacher's aide at South Park High School, he molested three boys.

Society does not have much compassion for sex offenders, nor should it. They rob young people of their self-worth and innocence. They take lives that have barely begun to form and twist them, sometimes permanently. It is a side of humanity most people do not want to think about.

Still, I wanted to talk to Tim Jones.

I wanted to talk to him because I'd heard he feels horrible about what he did.

More than that, I wanted to talk to him because he is a victim who became a victimizer. Someone who turned into the thing he most despised.

I don't know if there is a worse fate, or a quicker route to self-loathing, than to become that which you hate.

His is a pathetic story. It lacks a happy ending, but there is a moral, an important one for young people who are being victimized: Tell someone. Because sometimes, as with Jones, it only gets worse.

Jones says it started for him when he was molested, at 13, by a middle-aged neighbor.

Jones was naive, a country bumpkin whose family had moved into Buffalo a year before. When the man asked him to come into his house to help move furniture, he didn't think anything of it.

What happened next left Jones feeling angry and ashamed. The worst of it was, the man took pictures. Unless Jones agreed to come back, again and again, he would show the pictures to everyone.

For a 13-year-old, the thought of such public humiliation was unbearable.

"It was 1976," he says. "This stuff wasn't the topic of Oprah Winfrey and Donahue and all the others. I was ashamed. How could I tell anyone?"

"I felt dirty, used, like part of me was stolen away. . . . And I felt it was my fault, that some-

how I set this up. I asked for it.

Psychologists say such guilt feelings are common among sexual abuse victims.

Over the years, Jones, — fearful of exposure — did the bidding of the man, then of his friends. He smoked pot and took pills to ease the emotional pain. He tried to get away, prolonging stays at summer camp and with relatives.

But there was no running from the pictures, which seemed to pop up in someone's hands every time Jones thought the nightmare was over.

A few years ago, he says, the terms of the blackmail changed. He says he was used to recruit boys, to "try them out" for others, to see if they would go along. He became, as he puts it, "a dirtbag myself."

This, of course, is why he was busted last year, why he is serving a four-to-12-year sentence.

Though the credibility of a felon is always suspect, Jones has no apparent reason to lie. He's not eligible for parole for nearly four years. By telling his story, he only opens himself up to further embarrassment. He told his attorney, Jack Murrett, the same things he told me.

Officers in the Buffalo Police Department's sex offense unit say Jones' story is plausible. Michelle Paolini, coordinator of a sexual trauma treatment program, said the use of photos to sexually blackmail adolescents is common. She also said many men who molest boys were themselves molested.

The district attorney's office declined comment, because of an ongoing investigation related to Jones' case.

Jones says he pleaded guilty to spare the boys who were involved the ordeal of testifying. When arrested, he says, he was relieved. He had nothing more to hide; no one could use him anymore.

He is not looking for sympathy. Besides, it's hard to sympathize with someone who, supposedly to protect himself, introduced other boys to the same hell he endured.

"I'm not sure if I completely buy that part," Ms. Paolini said. "Often, perpetrators look for an excuse to justify their actions. Emotions can get very convoluted when you've been victimized for a long time."

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If anyone deserves sympathy, it is the boys Jones molested and their families.

For Tim Jones, the worst is over. But he is a confused young man.

He has no sexual identity. He doesn't know if he is straight or gay. "I feel like a blank, a neuter," he says. "I have no feeling either way."

Looking back, he wishes he had told someone after the first sordid encounter, wishes he had stopped it right away.

That, I think, is the most important part of his story.

It is too late for Jones. It is not too late for other young people, countless others, who are now where he once was. Who are being molested, but are too ashamed or scared to tell anyone.

"My life is trash now," Jones said. "But if, by me dumping all of this out, by saying, 'Look how messed up my life became,' if just one person steps forward and says something . . . tell anybody you trust. A favorite teacher, maybe."

Obviously, it isn't an easy thing to talk about. But as frightening as the thought of speaking out is, consider how frightening the alternative of silence is.

Consider Tim Jones.

Ex-school aide gets prison term

Jones sentenced to 4-12 years for sodomizing boys

By MATT GRUYTA
News Staff Reporter

6/4/89

A former Buffalo public school teacher's aide, who said his life was "a lie" since he was homosexually seduced as a young teen-ager, received a four-to-12-year prison term today for sodomizing three boys.

State Supreme Court Justice Mario J. Rossetti told Timothy H. Jones that Jones' seemingly exemplary life in dealing with problem students and serving as a Boy Scout leader should serve as a warning to the parents of young children to be "more fully aware of people associating with their children."

Two of the victims asked for the maximum 75-year term on three sodomy counts. But Rossetti told Jones, 25, he took into account his continuing cooperation in the prosecution of Robert Tatu, a friend of Jones. Tatu, a former aide to Mayor Griffin, is also under indictment on charges of molesting young boys.

Tatu, 30, is free on \$3,500 bail awaiting further proceedings before Erie County Judge John V. Rogowski on five counts of sodomy in alleged incidents with young boys.

The judge said the prosecutions of Jones and Tatu may save some other Buffalo children from sexual victimization and sodomy later in life. Jones claimed that he became homosexually involved with young boys because he was sexually abused by a male neighbor 12



Timothy H. Jones says his life was a lie.

years ago. "This is a molestation of a child's body" and an interference with a child's "right to grow up" without being subjected to such physical and psychological abuse, the judge said.

Two of the victims, ages 12 to 14, are receiving the type of psychiatric counseling that might have helped Jones after he was molested as a teen-ager, the judge said. The incidents occurred between August 1986 and Feb. 25 this year at Jones' Crystal Avenue home and at various outside locations.

The mother of a 16 year-old youth whom Jones allegedly molested earlier this year at South

Park High School, has begun legal action against the Buffalo school system. Prosecutors didn't press charges in the case involving the 16-year-old.

After parole, Jones said, he hopes to "start again and create a new life for myself."

Jones, an aide for nearly six years before his March 4 arrest, refused all legal advice about fighting the charges, said John C. Murrett Jr., Jones' attorney.

Jones pleaded guilty as charged to the three felony sodomy counts March 23, even before grand jury proceedings began.

"He did not want to put the victims through any more agony," Murrett said.

Jones is "an extraordinary young man" who has been active for years in community organizations and helped the Students Against Driving Drunk chapter at South Park High and worked with "problem" students that other faculty members couldn't handle, Murrett said.

Jones had the ability to "communicate" with problem students that other school staffers lacked, Murrett said.

Since his arrest while molesting a young boy in a parked car on Chenango Street almost three months ago, Jones has finally begun receiving psychiatric counseling and hopes to continue counseling in prison, Murrett said.

"He has fessed up to his guilt. He's never asked to be forgiven," Murrett said.

Metropolitan News

Ex-Youth Official Is Target of Sex Probe

By MATT GRUYTA
News Staff Reporter

An Erie County grand jury is investigating a Buffalo banker and former city youth program official for alleged sexual misconduct with at least two young boys, law enforcement sources say.

An effort is under way, however, to head off a possible indictment of the suspect, Robert J. Tatu, 30. Tatu's attorney recently made what was described as unsuccessful closed-door offers to prosecutors on a possible preindictment plea to a misdemeanor charge, sources confirmed.

But Erie County District Attorney Kevin M. Dillon personally rejected the misdemeanor plea proposal, and the case, sparked by the testimony of two young boys, is expected to go to an ongoing grand jury probe. Prosecutors are considering calling Jones, 25, a longtime friend of Tatu, to testify before the grand jury.



Robert J. Tatu

week by prosecutors about Tatu, according to three sources who spoke on a guarantee of anonymity.

Tatu, a West Point Academy dropout who served as executive assistant to Mayor Griffin from November 1982 through January 1986, was unavailable for comment.

Neither Dillon nor Joel L. Daniels, the Buffalo defense attorney representing Tatu, would comment on the grand jury activity.

Dillon and Daniels also declined to deny the law enforcement reports.

Although Tatu was elected to the unpaid post of president of the Buffalo Police Athletic League last July, officials of the youth-activities organization said he resigned sometime within the last month. PAL officials refused to say when or why Tatu resigned.

Spokesmen for Goldome Bank, where Tatu has been employed as a branch bank manager for about two years, said he is "on leave." Bank spokesmen also declined to disclose the reason for Tatu's leave of absence.

John C. Murrett Jr., Jones' attorney, confirmed Thursday that his client already has been interviewed by prosecutors about the pending sex probe and is willing to testify before a grand jury about an unnamed friend's alleged sexual indiscretions with young boys.

But Friday, Murrett refused to confirm or deny reports that Tatu is the target of the impending grand jury probe. Jones faces sentencing May 23 for

State Supreme Court Justice Mark J. Rosetti and his family, plus a commitment to sodomy with three Buffalo boys, now 12 and 13 years old, between August 1986 and the following month.

Tatu was implicated in illicit sexual activity when one of the 14-year-old boys gave police a statement March 4 after police found the boy and Jones committing sodomy in a car off Chango Street.

The boy told police he had committed sodomy in the home of a friend of Jones named "Bob" in the Okell Street area as Jones looked on. But the boy's statement doesn't pinpoint when that alleged act took place.

Records in court records, the Buffalo Police and Erie County Public Defender's office, and a nearby scouting facility.

Law enforcement sources confirmed that Jones had been active in Cub Scouting in the South Buffalo area in recent years.

May 1, 1989

Mr. Kenneth J. Hasterberg
Scout Executive
Great Niagara Frontier Council, No. 339

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Timothy H. Jones

Dear Ken:

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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cc: Northeast Region

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April 9, 1989

South Park students defend school in wake of controversy over sex case

By MARGARET HAMMERSLEY
News Staff Reporter

At South Park High School, the principal, Dr. Paul A. Laformara, announces team wins and student accomplishments on the public address system with: "Come down to the office so I can shake your hand."

From outside, there would seem to be little reason for congratulations these days at South Park.

But while students say a former teacher aide's guilty pleas to sodomy charges have shocked and distracted them, they remain staunchly proud of their school, a state school of excellence this year and a candidate for national honors.

Student leaders who worked with the aide, Timothy H. Jones, declined last week to criticize him.

"I knew him very well," said Sonja Cornelius, 17, captain of the girls basketball team and a member of Student Council. "He was a real nice man."

Sonja, who plans to study law, said students who worked with Jones respected him as a leader and authority figure.

"I was in SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), and he was adviser," she said. "I went to grammar schools with him to talk with students about drinking and driving."

Timothy Zack, captain of the soccer team, knew Jones as the adviser of DAAT, the Drug Abuse Awareness Team.

Zack, a counselor last summer at the Boy Scout camp, Scouthaven, said Jones was third in command there.

Students also remember Jones as a hockey coach and as a counselor at South Park's summer camp at Java to develop student leadership.

"He did a lot," said Tim. "I think he contributed to making the school a candidate for a national school of excellence."

Last Monday, two evaluators designated by the U.S. Department of Education visited South Park to verify its nomination by the state Education Department as a high school of national distinction. Both evaluators said Friday that they are aware of the "problem with personnel" at South Park, but that their evaluation is separate.

"We felt it was an outstanding

school, and we were pleased to visit it on behalf of the the U.S. Department of Education," said John Hendrickson, assistant superintendent for educational services in Modesto, Calif.; public schools.

Joel B. MacKenzie, principal of Pompton Lakes High School in Pompton Lakes, N.J., said South Park is a state nominee because of its many positives.

"They have a lot to be proud of," MacKenzie said. "It's unfortunate this (Jones incident) happened at this time."

Students were on Easter vacation when news broke about Jones' pleas of guilty to three sodomy charges, none involving incidents that took place at school.

Jones has also been named in a sex-abuse complaint involving attacks on a male student in a classroom at the school. Jones was suspended as a teacher's aide the day after his March 4 arrest and got his dismissal letter last week.

The Jones case was a hot topic when

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vacation ended.

"It's a big distraction," said Kelly Thorn, 16, junior class president. "Everybody's talking about it."

Dara Lewis, 17, secretary of the senior class and vice president of the National Honor Society, said that because the school is so large, many of the 1,100 students do not know Jones.

Senior Ann Moriarty, 17, a member of the Student Council Executive Committee, sees South Park as a victim of bad media reports, with little attention paid to its achievements.

"Every time something good happens, something else that is bad happens," she said. "We always fight back."

Ann, a transfer from a parochial school, said that she likes the friendliness and lack of snobbishness among South Park students.

"You don't have to worry about the way you dress — and it's coed," she said. "I anticipated there would be kids roaming, but we can't even get caught in the halls without a pass."

At the beginning of the year, Kelly said, Laformara tells entering students that if he forgets a name, he will give the student a quarter.

"He gave me a dollar instead of a quarter," said Dara. Tim, who attended the Academic Challenge magnet school when Laformara was principal there, recalled that Laformara's penalty for forgetting a name in elementary school was a nickel. Inflation may have set in, but the intent is the same, and the students appreciate it.

They noted some of South Park's recent accomplishments:

- South Park has an outstanding band that marched for opening day at Pilot Field.

- The debate team, including Kelly Thorn, has scored three wins in a row.

- Students who participate in school candy and other sales earn credits that help them pay for

proms, school rings and the other fun activities that may cost quite a bit.

- The football team won the Harvard Cup before a crowd of 7,000 supporters of South Park or its rival, Hutchinson Central Technical High School.

- To encourage parents to help children attend college, the school sponsored a career week.

The students' list also included other teams, outstanding art work and a fashion show to help plan for spring proms.

Laformara said that he considers the civic and community activities of the National Honor Society and Student Council outstanding.

The principal said that at South Park, many teachers volunteer to work with student groups after school. He credits teachers with good ideas, such as having children who speak foreign languages take charge of occasional classes.

"A biology class even adopted a deer at the zoo," he said.

From the outside, he said, IBM helps by co-sponsoring a bookstore and sending in career leaders every couple weeks.

Next year the school — and its building — will be 75 years old. And one of the alumni who will return for a series of activities holds a high office with the Board of Education in City Hall.

Superintendent Eugene T. Reville is among the school's biggest boosters.

He said the school has overcome many obstacles, including a major desegregation that many persons predicted would fail.

"I think South Park is a school of excellence," Reville said. "It not only will bounce back. It has arrived."



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Boy Scouts of America
190 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

March 7, 1989

Mr. Timothy H. Jones

[REDACTED]
Buffalo, NY 14220

Dear Mr. Jones:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America 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 the 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 measure up to the high standards of membership the Boy Scouts of America 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 Boy Scouts of America member should be granted or reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely,

Burt P. Flickinger, Jr.
Council President

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Donald E. Seyfried, Program Director

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