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

Date 9/11/84

Full name TOM BROWNSCOMBE
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 3403 COOL SPRING RD

City Hyattsville State MARYLAND Zip Code 20783

Date of birth 11/3/27 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 57 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion - Nationality AMERICAN

Occupation VA Administration - FINANCIAL ECONOMIST

Education _____

Weight 170 Height 5'10" Race White

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes BROWN

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single M Children 1
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Office	Date registered	Date resigned
POST 221	Hyattsville, md		Advisor		

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Detective Hobbs of the Hyattsville police dept. 5012 Rhodes Island Ave Hyattsville md 20781 - called SE to inform him that subject is being investigate

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

FOR child molestation. The subject will be ARRESTED & charged
* News Article will appear regarding charges lodged against subject

APR 15 '86
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Ricky Hutter
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council 082

April 18, 1986

Mr. Paul Davis
Scout Executive
National Capital Area Council, No. 82

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Tom Brownscombe

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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May 21, 1985

Mr. Richard N. Rogers
Director of Field Service
National Capital Area Council, No. 82

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Rich:

Thank you for the information which you recently sent us on Edward Brownscombe. This will be most helpful to us in refusing registration at a later time.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed. This will enable us to identify Mr. Brownscombe should he move to another section of the country and try to register.

We would also like to know the sentencing that actually took place after the conviction.

Please let me know if I can be of any help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region
Mr. Paul Davis, Scout Executive, National Capital Area Council, No. 82

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National Capital Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

9190 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3897 • 301 530-9360

May 13, 1985

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Fulfillment Service
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul,

Due to evidence attached, the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America recommends that Edward Brownscombe not be permitted to continue registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

Edward Brownscombe is not currently registered since the post has dropped.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Rogers
Director of Field Service

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September 10, 1984

The Prince George's Journal
9426 Annapolis Road
Lanham, Maryland

Dear Journal:

Shame on you.

On September 6th, you rushed into print on the front page with an article that did me, my family, my Church and the Boy Scouts of America great harm and irreparable damage. It contained a falsehood, a half truth, incorrect information, a slimy implication and a suggestively erotic phrase for which there is no basis in fact.

You said that I declined comment. That is a lie. I have never declined to comment on this matter. What happened is that your reporter called late at night and I offered to give him all the information that I have. He indicated that his rapidly approaching deadline would not permit him to accept my full comments. I made arrangements to meet with one of your reporters the next morning at 8:30 in a place convenient to him. I arrived at that place at 9:15 AM and remained until 9:30, but was not contacted by any member of your staff.

You said that I took a child to a motel. That is a half truth. The full truth is that our group always stays in motels, hotels, chalets, inns, condominiums, etc. Every trip we take is to such buildings. This summer alone we have stayed in the Will O the Wisp, Boardwalk One, two Quality Inns, one Best Western, the English Towers and other condominiums. Furthermore, no one alleges that any illegal activities took place in a motel.

You printed incorrect information. You indicated that I have been indicted on three counts. That is not correct according to the official document sent to me. That paper was available to you when the article was written and if your reporter had taken the trouble to glance at it for a moment you could have had the correct information indicating a lesser charge.

You implied that I invited only one child to go on this trip. The truth is that I invited more than forty people including the child's mother and his friend.

You used the word "fondled" to describe the alleged illegal activity. That word does not appear in any of the official papers with which I have been furnished. It is your invention. Actually, there is nothing wrong with fondling. It simply means to caress, or stroke or pet gently. I fondled my dog, Lollipops, this morning when I gently stroked the animal's head and shoulders. However, in the context where you used the term, many people will believe that erotic activity took place and that is not true.

Shame on you, Prince George's Journal, for ruining my life and utterly destroying one of the finest Explorer Scout Posts in the nation with a single stroke of your yellow journalistic pen.


Tom Brownscombe

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September 12, 1984

Mr. Randy Collins
Executive
Patuxent District
Boy Scouts of America

Dear Randy:

An article appeared about me on the front page of the Prince Georges Journal on September 6th. Please, find enclosed my response to that article.

Unfortunately, when such allegations are made, whether they are true or not, one's value as a scout leader ends. I am now a liability, no longer an asset, to the Post. Accordingly, I have informed the Scout Committee that I will resign as advisor as soon as a replacement has been found. Some of the college students who helped us supervise the children during the last school year may be interested in assuming the role of advisor. I am formally going to recommend one or two of them to the Scout Committee at the end of this month. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please, let us know.

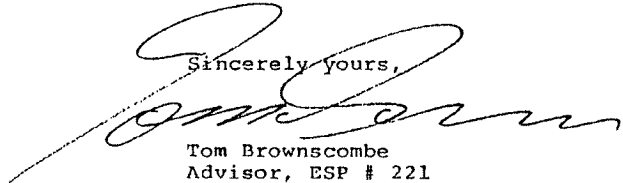
We have a tremendous amount of leather and feathers and other Indian craft items which I hate to see go to waste. I would hope that someone like Mr. Crabtree might wish to utilize our sumptuous meeting facilities and voluminous supplies for an Order of the Arrow group.

In any case, October will be my last month as advisor and November is expected to be my last month of active participation in the activities of the Post. We have a chess tournament scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend.

I am asking my lawyer to prepare civil suits against the Prince Georges Journal, Prince Georges County and the State of Maryland. I feel that the Boy Scouts of America have been libeled also. If BSA wishes to join in the suit, it is welcome. My lawyer will furnish BSA with my ten page statement (legal size paper and single spaced typing) and twelve pages of supporting documents upon request. I am sorry that we have not been able to obtain any significant amount of information about the charges despite repeated requests. When we do learn what the accusation is, we will be pleased to give that information to BSA also.

My son and I joined scouting when he was eight years old. He is sixteen now and we have enjoyed our eight years in scouting tremendously. He will no doubt wish to continue being an Explorer Scout and you can count on me to be a sustaining member for the rest of my life.

Sincerely yours,

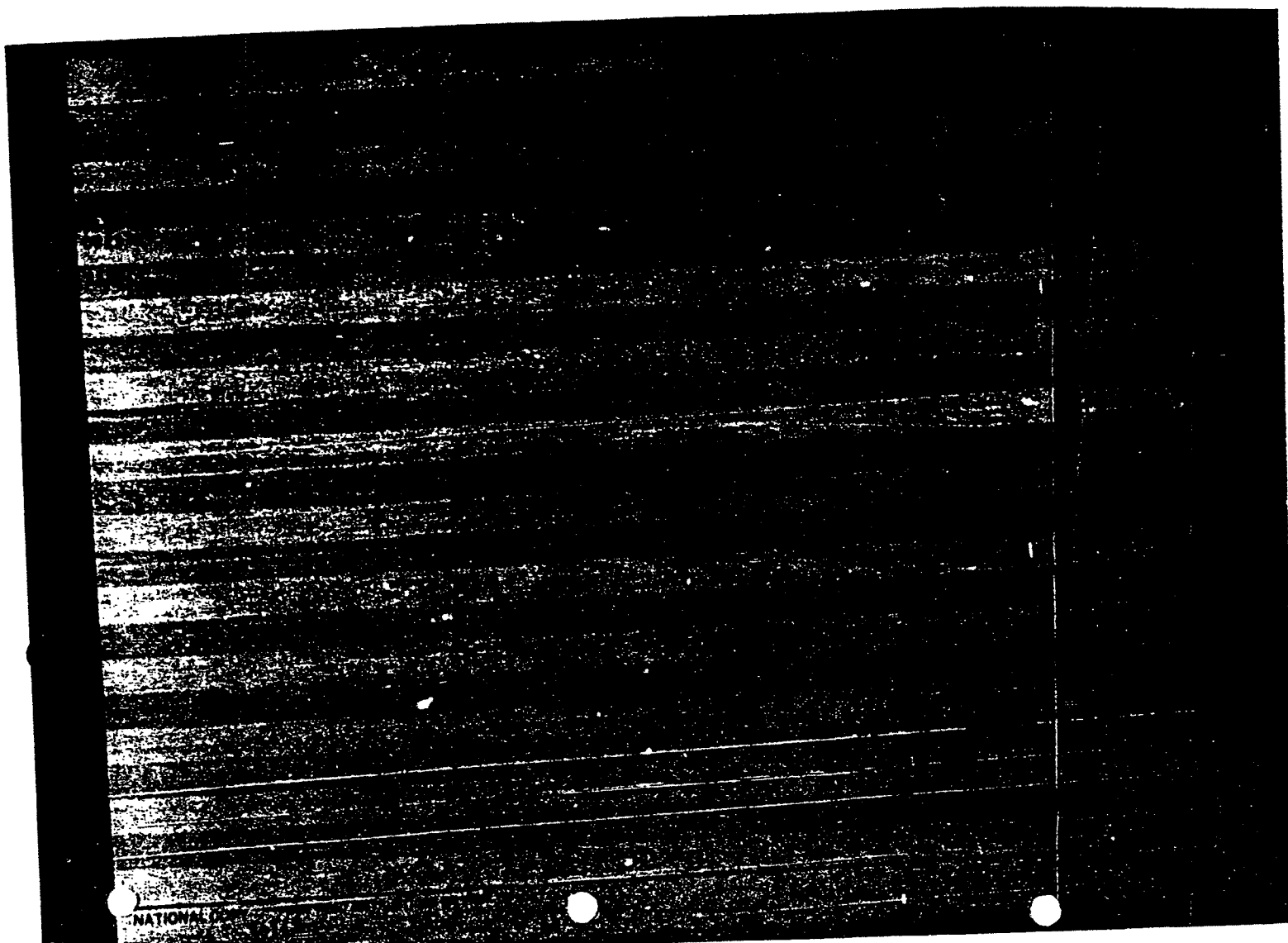


Tom Brownscombe
Advisor, ESP # 221

Enclosure: as stated

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Scout leader indicted on abuse charge

An Explorer Scout leader has been indicted on charges of child abuse for allegedly fondling a Cub Scout, according to the State's Attorney's office.

Thomas Edward Browncombe Sr., 58, of 3403 Cool Spring Road, Adelphi, was indicted yesterday by a county grand jury on two counts of third-degree sexual offense and one count of child abuse.

Browncombe would not comment last night.

A police report said Browncombe is an Explorer Scout leader who invited a 9-year-old Cub Scout on a camping trip Aug. 3. Instead of going camping, the reports said, the two went to a motel. The next day, police said, the boy was taken to a building on Campus Drive in Adelphi and fondled.

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TO: Rudy Flythe
FROM: Rich Rogers
DATE: September 12, 1984
SUBJ: Phone call from [REDACTED]

On Monday, September 10, 1984, at approximately 5:30, I received a phone call from [REDACTED]. She indicated that her son, a Cub Scout from Pack 1032, Cherokee Lane Elementary School, College Park, had been sexually molested by a Thomas Brownscomb, unit leader of Post 221, University Methodist Church.

She indicated that her son had been invited to participate in a weekend camping trip with the post on August 3-4. She indicated that the above named Thomas Brownscomb and her son checked into a motel where, reportedly, nothing happened except they spent the night together. She indicated that the alledged sexual attack happened the following day back at the University Methodist Church.

She indicated that upon reporting the incident to the police, they advised that she not talk to anyone, i.e., the church or us, but on Monday, September 10, was advised by the police to call us and the church.

I indicated to her that she should find out from her attorney whom she should talk to and to what extent and then get back in touch with us about any further details as soon as possible.

Aside from this telephone conversation, I had heard from Rudy Hudnell that there had been a newspaper article in last week's journal about the arrest of an Explorer Advisor for sexually assulting a Cub Scout. At this time I do have that article.

[REDACTED] indicated that Thomas Brownscomb has been arrested and indicted on the above alledged attack.

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National Capital Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

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September 17, 1984

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Registration & Subscription Services
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75062-3096

Dear Paul:

The attached material should be added to the confidential file
of:

Tom Brownscombe
3403 Cool Spring Road
Hyattsville, MD 20783
Advisor, Explorer Post 221
National Capital Area Council

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Rudy Flythe
Scout Executive

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Attachments

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marijuana with intent to distribute.

Ex-Scout leader guilty of molesting Cub Scout

ADELPHI
A former Explorer Scout leader from Adelphi has been convicted by a Circuit Court jury of a third-degree sexual offense against a Cub Scout.

Thomas Edward Brownscombe, 57, was found guilty of sexually assaulting the boy, 9. He had promised to take the youth on a camping trip but instead took to a Camp Springs motel, said Robert Tobin, a spokesman with the State's Attorney's Office in Prince George's County.

Tobin said the sexual assault occurred Aug. 8 during the weekend trip, which the boy had won in a Cub Scout contest.

"He (Brownscombe) told him (the boy) they were going to meet some other people that were going on the

trip," Tobin said. "They went to (a motel) near Andrews Air Force Base. The defendant told the victim they were going to get a room to wait for the other people."

That night, Tobin said, Brownscombe told the boy he had to sleep with him in his bed because he wanted a second bed in the room to be empty when the others arrived to go on the trip.

The next day, Aug. 8, Brownscombe took the boy back to a College Park church where the Cub Scout troop had its meetings, and he fondled the boy, Tobin said.

Brownscombe is to be sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Arthur M. Ahalt on April 15.

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APPROACHED HIM AND HE WAS TELLING BRET ABOUT HIS SON MAKING A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE CONCERNING LONGO'S ACTIONS AT FIRST AID TRAINING SESSIONS. ACCORDING TO BRET THE FATHER TOLD HIM THAT LONGO WOULD HAVE THE BOYS STRIP, PUT ON JOLK STRAPS AND IN HIS DEMONSTRATION WOULD FONDLE THE BOYS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WOULD

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Tom Brownscombe EA
3403 Cool Spring Dr
Hyattsville, Md 20723

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PRIORITY SEPARATION

COUNCIL NO. 82

UNIT NO. 2221

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<u>ADULT</u> /BOY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIP	STATUS	POS.
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