

ARMSTRONG, VAUGHN A. 79

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 1-30-79

FULL NAME Vaughn A. Armstrong  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

(Former) ADDRESS 216 Willow

CITY Leoni STATE Ill. ZIP CODE 60140

DATE OF BIRTH March 27 1954 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 24 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION R.L.D.S NATIONALITY Unknown

OCCUPATION Unknown

EDUCATION Unknown

WEIGHT Unknown COLOR Caucasian HEIGHT 5' 8"

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Unknown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS -

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN -  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME Unknown

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>T-557</u>	<u>Leoni</u>	<u>Ill.</u>			<u>May 1976</u>

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT
- OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW)
- SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS
- UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Refer to attached letter.  
best address of individual unknown

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council 11

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# MID IOWA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Des Moines, Iowa 50316

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February 5, 1979

Mr. Paul I. Ernst  
Registration & Subscription Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902

Dear Paul:

I have enclosed the confidential record sheet per your request.

The form is filled out to the best of our ability since the individual moved from the city some time ago. The only information I am aware of is the letter sent to you by Mrs. [REDACTED] on behalf of the committee.

Sorry we cannot be of more help.

Sincerely,

*John W. Barker*

John W. Barker  
Scout Executive

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*Mr. Ernst  
Should I need  
any more information  
let me know  
2/14/79*

*100-4-158  
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[Signature]*

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November 27, 1978

Mr. John W. Barker  
Scout Executive  
Mid-Iowa Council, No.177

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Vaughn Armstrong

Dear Mr. Barker:

We are enclosing copies of a confidential letter received here from [REDACTED] correspondence secretary of troop 102, concerning the above Scoutmaster. Also, we are enclosing a confidential record sheet and a copy of Mr. Ayars response.

Please investigate this situation and send us a detailed letter containing all the facts in this case. We would also appreciate your filling out the record sheet and returning it as soon as possible, so we can identify this man should he attempt to register in the Scouting program again.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902  
(201) 249-6000

*Handwritten:* Paul Ernst

*Handwritten:* Here is a  
copy of my  
letter I read  
you on the  
phone. I have  
not sent CC to  
SE. you may  
want to send  
this one.

Bruce Ayers  
SUM No. 0201

A. C. ...

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November 17, 1978

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Leon, LA 50144

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Your letter regarding the incidents related to Troop 102 and Scoutmaster Vaughn Armstrong has been received.

We shall share this information on a confidential basis with your local council Scout Executive.

Thank you very much for bringing the matter to our attention.

Cordially,

H. Bruce Ayars  
Director  
Field Support Division

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October 18, 1978

Dear Sirs,

After deliberating for over a year, it is the decision of Boy Scout Troop 102, Leon, Iowa to bring to the attention of National Headquarters a situation which existed in our troop prior to our asking Vaughan Armstrong to resign as troop scoutmaster.

On Aug. 6 7 and 8, of 1976 there was a district campout in Indianola. Several of our boys attended with Vaughn along as the only adult. On Aug. 7, one of the boys parents picked up their boy to attend a wedding and when the boy was to return to the camp, he said that he did not wish to return because Vaughn had not been at the site except to sleep and the boys were not allowed to go anywhere and even though the boys were not yet to the rank of Tenderfoot were expected to do all the cooking. The parents did return the boy to the camp and could not find Mr. Armstrong nor did anyone around know where to find him.

In Dec. of 1976, Vaughn held an overnight party in his home for the Scouts. He lived in Lamoni which is 16 miles from Leon and a toll call. At this party, he told the boys that he had some "Playboy Magazines" hidden. When the magazines were found and the boys began to look through them, Vaughn is reported to have told the boys that the only way to look at "Playboy" was naked and they would have to undress. It is our understanding upon questioning several of the boys who were present that the situation was embarrassing to both the boys required to undress and the observers.

On Jan. 17, 1977 a court of honor was held at which class ranks and merit

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badges were handed out in a rather odd sequence. There were Tenderfoot and 2nd Class badges given at once, 2nd and 1st given at once, etc. Skill awards and merit badges were given to boys who had no idea how they had been earned.

At this Court of Honor, Vaughn asked [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Brenda Starmers, and [REDACTED] to serve on the Scout committee. This committee met on Jan. 24, with Rev. Wilton Grant, the institutional rep in attendance. These happenings were discussed. We discovered that Vaughn had no records of class ranks, etc. At this time it was voted to ask Mr. Armstrong to resign.

We felt, at the time that it would serve no purpose to inform headquarters of our reasons but since that time business people in Lamoni and law enforcement personnel have cast enough suspicion on Vaughn Armstrong that we have reconsidered. The present committee consisting of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] request that this letter be made a part of Mr. Armstrong's record, and suggest that before this man is put in scouting in any capacity that his background in Lamoni and Leon be investigated.

Respectively,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] correspondence secretary

*c/o National Hdqts.*

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