

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 5/10/91

FULL NAME VERNON LEE PRICE, JR. S.S. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
MO Driver's License: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Odessa STATE MO ZIP CODE 64037

DATE OF BIRTH 1/21/50 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Methodist NATIONALITY (Citizen of) United States

OCCUPATION Unemployed

EDUCATION High school

WEIGHT 130 HEIGHT 5'9"-5'10" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Brown/gray COLOR OF EYES Not known

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS None known

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS None known

MARRIED  SINGLE  NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
C4120	Odessa	MO	CM	10/31/90	
Chartered Organization <u>United Methodist Church of Odessa</u>					

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

INCIDENT: TYPE 1 DATE OF INCIDENT Feb 4-13 RESOLUTION 3  
Type Resolution

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1=Scout Related                            | 1. Internal (only Scouts Know) |
| 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

SEP 25 1991

Council HOA - 307 Signed [Signature] SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
F. STARON

CONFIDENTIAL  
MAY 17 1991

September 9, 1991

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: VERNON LEE PRICE, JR.

Dear Jere:

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: North Central Region,

READY FOR FILE  
SEP 06 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF025769



Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • [REDACTED]

August 23, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Personal & Confidential  
National Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

RE: Vernon Price

Dear Paul:

Bill Lewis district director of the Blue Elk District has supplied me with the following on Vernon Price.

The Vernon Price case has completed hearings and the case has been closed. Mr. Price was not convicted on criminal harassment, but was convicted on distribution of alcohol and pornographic films. His sentence was two years of probation, may not have contact with anyone under the age of 18, and has to seek out psychological counseling.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

  
Richard C. Ray  
Deputy Scout Executive

DR8.23:sn



Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • [REDACTED]

June 7, 1991

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Subject: Vernon L. Price, Jr.

Dear Paul:

Recently you corresponded asking for any information concerning legal action concerning Price.

I have been informed that the litigation is still in progress. There have been some delays in the court proceedings and it may be six to eight weeks before action is completed.

Sincerely yours,

Richard C. Ray  
Deputy Scout Executive

DR6.7:sn

cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, NC Region  
Price file

May 21, 1991

READY FOR FILE

MAY 21 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: VERNON L. PRICE, JR.

Dear Jere:

Thanks for the additional information on Mr. Price. This is most helpful for our files. You sent us a clipping related to the Class A Misdemeanor harrassment. If this went through the court system on April 16, we would like to have the outcome of that legal action. The outcome will be necessary once it has been completed.

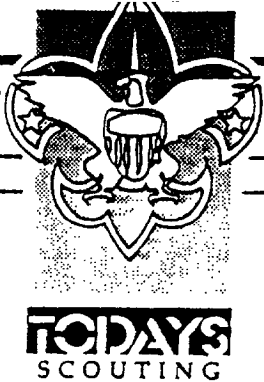
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region.

CONF025772



Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • [REDACTED]

May 14, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director Registration  
and Statistical Services  
National Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

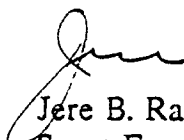
Dear Paul:

RE: Vernon L. Price, Jr. Your request for additional information

Our file reflects for several years there have been allegations of questionable behavior by Price. Allegations included his corresponding with the youth members; soliciting improper sexual behavior; in addition to exposing them to pornographic literature and videos.

Enclosed is the additional information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive

DR5.9:sn

cc: Price confidential file



READY FOR FILE

MAY 06 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

May 6, 1991

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: VERNON LEE PRICE, JR.

Dear Jere:

Thanks so much for the newspaper clipping which you recently sent concerning this individual being charged with a Class A Misdemeanor harassment. Can you explain what this related to? The only information we had originally was that related to a x-rated video tape, which had been given to a youth member.

We are enclosing an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which we would like to have completed, so we can identify Mr. Price.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region

CONF025774

BILL LEWIS  
Dick  
RAY

glary in the ...  
Rule is charged with ...  
the Catfish Place, Lexington,  
on Sept. 11 for the purpose of  
committing stealing.  
Feb. 27- Vernon Lee Price  
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COURT DATE

RE-SET APRIL 16-91

10:00 AM

ANNEX BLDG.

Dick [Signature]



READY FOR FILE

MAR 17 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

March 11, 1991

Mr. Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive  
Heart of America Council, No. 307

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: VERNON PRICE

Dear Jere:

Thanks so much for the information which you recently sent concerning this individual. This is most helpful to us as we set up a file which will lead to refusal of registration in the future.

We would like information on the legal action that is now taking place. Newspaper clippings or court records would certainly be most helpful.

I am enclosing an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which we would like to have completed, so we can identify Mr. Price. Please give us that information which you have available.

Thanks again for your help.

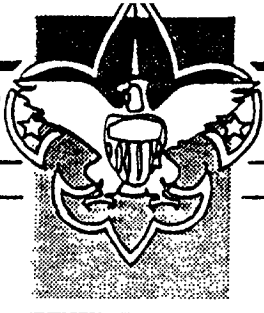
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Gerald R. Ulrich, North Central Region

CONF025776



Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131

TODAY'S  
SCOUTING

March 5, 1991

1/50  
307-C4130 - # 123332

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Sum 108  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Re: Vernon Price

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is copy of letter to above individual which is self-explanatory. We will forward supporting documents in the next few days.

We have removed Mr. Price from our membership file and placed his records in a confidential file. We will keep you advised of further developments.

Sincerely,

Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive

*Added to IV file  
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3-8-91  
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Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America

10210 Holmes Road • Kansas City, Missouri 64131 • [REDACTED]

**TODAY'S**  
SCOUTING

February 28, 1991

Vernon Price  
[REDACTED]

Odessa, MO 64076


Dear Mr. Price:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA 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 BSA member should be granted. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely,

  
Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Scout Executive

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SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM

Heart of America Council  
Boy Scouts of America

Name of suspected abuser: Vernon Price Date of birth: 1/21/50

Address: [REDACTED] Odessa, MO 64076

Telephone No: [REDACTED] Scouting position: CM P120

The following information was received by (name of person/position):

Richard C. Ray, Deputy Scout Executive

Reporter's name and position: Bill Grennell, District Executive - Big Muddy District

Date of report: 2/21/91

Child's name: [REDACTED] Date of birth:

Address: [REDACTED]

Parent's name: [REDACTED]

Address:

Telephone No.:

Statements made by reporter: 2/22/91 called Tim Larimore, County Attorney. Tim stated investigation almost completed, charges to be filed soon. He asked that we not contact Price until charges are filed, since Price may leave area. When charges, larimore will let me know. I gave Larimore names of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] mentioned in 1987 memos.

OVER

2-25-91

Terry Kilroy called R. Ray  
to discuss question of  
providing Larimore file of  
pertinent names

later 2-25-91

Kilroy assoc called:

Talked with Larimore  
they will fax to Larimore  
youth members in current  
cub Pack & Troop in '89

Larimore likely to file  
charges in 2 days.

2-27-91

Kilroy called & said Price  
arrested. Prepare suspension 1st

2-28-91 Bill Lewis to RCR

Price charged with class A misdemeanor  
released on \$1000 bond - not to attend  
any Scout function. Judge Miller  
May 12 court date

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

May 13, 1987

TO: Dan Wheatcroft, Scout Executive

FROM: Harvey Thompson

REFERENCE: Troop 120, sponsored by First United Methodist Church,  
Odessa, Missouri - Big Muddy District

I met with Reverend David Maggi at the First Methodist Church at 2:00 PM on May 12, at the request of the Scout Executive, to review with him information received in a letter from a [REDACTED] in late April. This letter was sent to the Scout Executive and made reference to her finding a Triple X rated Video Tape in her sons bedroom. In my conversation with Rev. Maggi, we reviewed what had transpired up to date. Rev. Maggi talked with Dennis Lamberd about this matter back 5 or 6 months ago. The pastor met with the mother and the boy and also met with the mother and the Scoutmaster, [REDACTED] at that time. The tape was brought to the meeting by the mother.

The pastor tells me that the boy stated that he was at the Scoutmasters home and was reviewing a book of video tapes that the Scoutmaster had (it sounded like possibly with some other Scouts) and they were looking at some of them in the book that were Triple X rated and asked if he or they could look at them. According to the boy, the Scoutmaster said "you can take it home if you would like but don't let your parents see it."

In the meeting with the mother and the pastor and the Scoutmaster, the Scoutmaster denied that he had given him the tape and at the end of the meeting the mother said I don't want this tape around and Mr. Price indicated that he would take it and see if he could find out where it belonged. According to the Methodist Minister, he then talked with several members of the church board and it was decided that they would not pursue the removal or discipline of the Scoutmaster at that time because it was ones word against the other but that they would tell the Scoutmaster that if any incident or any information was received further on this matter, that he would be removed as Scoutmaster. This was conveyed to the Scoutmaster by the minister at that time.

The pastor personally believes, based on what he said to me, that Vernon Price does own the tape. He indicated that it was numbered and Vernon has all his tapes numbered, and that he has strong feelings about Mr. Price. The pastor also stated that [REDACTED] who live near both the [REDACTED] family and Mr. Price, viewed the film and shared with the pastor that it was trash.

██████████, who is listed in ██████████ letter as a friend that reviewed the tape, the pastor does not know and we could not find his number in the phone book. The pastor also mentioned that very few of the boys were members of the church...that the church sponsored the unit as a community service to a large degree but he did mention that one of the members of the committee, ██████████ ██████████, is a very active church member and is involved deeply in the church. Also that the other family that he knows is very active in their church, which is the Presbyterian Church, is ██████████ who are also members of the committee.

The pastor further requested that if we are to take any action, would we please let him know prior to doing so, so that he will be prepared for anything that he needs to do. He mentioned that the Scoutmaster and his parents are members of the church. Mr. Price's mother goes regularly and since this incident with the pastor talking to the Scoutmaster, ██████████, has been coming to church quite regularly - the father comes on occasion. The minister also indicated that there are many boys that frequent the Scoutmasters trailer home. The Scoutmaster lives in the trailer and his parents live in a separate trailer on the same property.

December 29, 1987

CONFIDENTIAL FILE MEMORANDUM

FROM: Dan Wheatcroft

After several follow up phone calls to [REDACTED] concerning her letter postmarked 25 April 87, and at her request, no action other than an expression of this council's concern for the quality of leadership expressed to the head of the chartered organization, Pastor David Maggi, First United Methodist Church in Odessa, Missouri, no action has been taken by this council due to the fact that those closest to the situation have expressed an unwillingness to pursue the matter. Today I checked with our council registrar and discovered that Vernon L. Price, Jr. had in fact been selected once again to serve in the capacity of Scoutmaster of Troop 120 chartered to the First United Methodist Church.

It is my recommendation that this material be kept on file but that no further action be taken by this council at this time.

CONF025783



Dear Mrs. Wheatcroft,

Last October my son, [REDACTED] joined a Boy Scout Troop sponsored by The First Methodist Church of Odessa, and run by Vernon Price Jr. The troop had an overnight on or about Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. After returning from the overnight Mr. Price gave my son a video cassette containing "XXX" rated material. [REDACTED] did ask for the tape and was told by Mr. Price not to let his parents find it. Approximately 3-4 weeks later I discovered the tape. After I calmed myself down, I called [REDACTED], a close family friend, and asked him to view the tape. He did so and said the tape was absolute utter filth. Nothing that should be in the possession of a 14 year old boy. The next morning I contacted Rev. David Maggi of the Methodist Church and told him of the situation. He said he would confront Mr. Price and then get back to me. He later called me back & said Mr. Price denied it and he, Mr. Price, wanted to meet

with [REDACTED] & I. We set up a meeting with Rev. Maggi present. At that time, I told Mr. Price what I thought of the situation. He didn't offer any self-defense and at the end of the meeting he took the tape with him. Rev. Maggi told [REDACTED] & I that he believed us and that after a meeting with the church committee he would let me know what they intended to do. As it turned out they did nothing. He is still active in scouting & in the church. I feel the man, Mr. Price has no business around young boys. I hope this letter will help you come to the right decision.

Please call if you need more information. I'm not very good in transposing my thoughts to paper.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

MEMBER DELETE

03/08/91  
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