

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 9/9/85

FULL NAME Vernon R. Daniels
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Rockford STATE Illinois ZIP CODE 61109

DATE OF BIRTH 1/18/45 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 40 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION _____

EDUCATION High School (G.E.D.) 1984

WEIGHT 170 lbs. HEIGHT 5' 7" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN [REDACTED]

WIFE'S NAME [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGN</u>
5055	Cherry Valley	IL	WL	Feb. 1985	Attached

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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

Winnebago County Cast #80-CR-1173
January 31, 1981 plead guilty to indecent liberties with a child.

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Blackhawk Area Council #660

R. STARBUCK
SEP 13 1985

BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL; INC.
1800 Seventh Avenue
Rockford, Illinois
815/397-0210

12/9/86

Please add the enclosed
article to the confidential
files of Vernon Daniels.

Thank you!

Chuck Buenger

CONF024672

Man gets 15 years in sexual abuse case

By Joe Lamb

The Register Star

A 15-year prison sentence was handed down in Circuit Court Friday to a 41-year-old man convicted for the second time of sexually abusing one of his children.

Vernon Ray Daniels, whose wife, Estelle, 31, already is serving a six-year prison term on similar charges, was sentenced by Circuit Judge John E. Riggins last week ordered the Daniels' parental rights terminated.

Daniels testified during his sentencing hearing that, as a child in Virginia and Tennessee, he was physically abused by his father and regularly watched "an aunt and uncle" perform sexual acts. They did it about every night," he said.

Anger was evident in Sype's voice as he ordered Daniels to stand directly in front of the bench and told him, "I think it's time you face the truth."

He told Daniels his actions violated the trust children tend to have in their parents, and might have caused "irretrievable" psychological harm to his young victims.

Daniels, charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, was convicted by a jury in an October trial. Sype found Estelle Daniels guilty in a bench trial earlier.

Assistant State Attorney Ronald White told Sype that Daniels had been convicted of a charge of taking indecent liberties with another minor child in 1981 and had been granted three years probation.

Winnebago County sheriff's detective arrested the Daniels in October 1985 after the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services took

the couple's young daughter and Daniels' stepson from their Brookdale Drive home.

Testimony in Daniels' trial indicated DCFS began investigating the family after neighborhood residents learned of sexual activities involving the children.

White said the children have been placed with foster parents. Juvenile Court Judge Bradner Riggins last week ordered the Daniels' parental rights terminated.

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Daniels' attorney, Richard Berry, told Sype he had to question the testimony of the children. He said "months of suggestive questioning" by DCFS counselors could have led the children to fantasize and "blow out of proportion" the activities they described.

"If he does have these impulses, I hope that while he is in prison, he can find help to deal with them," Berry said.

Sype refused Berry's request to allow Daniels to remain free until after Christmas, ordering him into immediate custody.

The judge gave Daniels credit for 180 days served in the county jail before his release on bond in April. With the time served and day-for-day credit provisions of Illinois law, Daniels can be released from prison in about seven years.

... guilty of sex assault

The Register Star

Vernon Daniels, whose daughter and stepson testified that he used them for sex and home movies, was found guilty of aggravated criminal sexual assault by a Circuit Court jury Thursday night.

The jury deliberated less than three hours before returning the verdict to Circuit Judge John Sype, who set a sentencing hearing for Dec. 5.

Sype allowed Daniels to remain free on bond until sentencing. However, he ordered Daniels to cooperate with the Winnebago County Probation Department in preparing a presentencing report.

Assistant State's Attorney Ron White said Daniels faces between six and 30 years in prison. A 1980 conviction of taking indecent liberties with a child could be a factor in the sentence, White said.

Daniels' wife, Estelle, 31, was convicted of a similar charge in a bench trial before Sype in March. She is serving a six-year prison term.

Daniels showed little reaction throughout the two-day trial.

Justifying Thursday, he denied the accusations. He said he believed his stepson made up the story in anger after learning that Daniels was not his real father.

The boy, 13, and his sister, 11, told the jury they had engaged in sexual activities with both their parents from the ages of 8 and 6. They said their parents called the activity "family touching."

The boy testified that Daniels made five or six home movies of the sessions.

Winnebago County sheriff's deputies said they did not find any films during their investigation. The boy testified that he thought the films had been sold in Mexico.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services took the children from the Daniels home in August 1985 after neighbors told authorities the boy had described the sexual activities to neighborhood children.

Daniels and his wife were arrested in October.

In closing arguments Thursday, White told the jury, "It's going to be a long time and take a lot of therapy to make them (the children) normal because of what he did. He took their innocence and love and used it to satisfy his own perverted desires."

Daniels' attorney, Richard Berry, urged the jury to weigh inconsistencies in the boy's testimony as well as what he called a "sexual sophistication" beyond the boy's years.

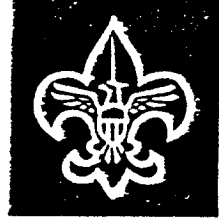
He said there was ample reason to suspect the boy "fabricated" and "fantasized" for investigators, and that he "dragged his poor, young, tender sister into a web of lies to cover up his own perversions."

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East Central Region, Council 660



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Please add the enclosed news articles to the confidential files of George Miller and Vernon Daniels. Thank you.

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CONF024675

January 30, 1986

Mr. Charles M. Buenger
Scout Executive
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Vernon R. Daniels

Dear Chuck:

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

spm

cc: East Central Region

READY FOR FILE
JAN 30 1985
CARMEN FREEMAN-

CONF024676

*Please add this to your file
on Vernon Daniels.*

Rockford The Rockford Register Star, Sunday, Oct. 13, 1985

Metro report

Rural couple charged

A rural Rockford man and his wife have been arrested by Winnebago County sheriff's detectives on charges of aggravated criminal sexual assault upon a child, Detective Sgt. Billy Burgess said Saturday.

Being held under \$50,000 bond each are Vernon Daniels, 40, and his wife, Estelle, 30, 4339 Brookdale Drive. Burgess said a second charge of unlawful use of weapons and possession of firearms was filed against Vernon Daniels, under circumstances unrelated to the sex offense.

Because the case involves a child, Burgess would say only that the victim is under the age of 13 and that the investigation had begun about 11 weeks ago. He said the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services worked with Detective James Thompkins in the investigation.

Daniels was arrested in 1980 on a charge of taking indecent liberties with a child and was placed on five years probation after pleading guilty in January 1981.

Aggravated criminal sexual assault is a Class X felony, with a possible penalty of six years to life in prison.

Burgess said the weapons charge against Daniels involved a .38-caliber pistol.

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September 17, 1985

Mr. Charles M. Buenger
Scout Executive
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Vernon R. Daniels

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet which you recently sent us for Vernon R. Daniels. This was most complete and will enable us to recognize Mr. Daniels, should he try to register in some other location.

We would like more information concerning this matter. You indicated that this occurred in 1981. Did he just move to your area, or was this just made known to you by a volunteer?

More information about the type of offense and how it was uncovered will strength our file for the future.

Thanks for your help in closing this case.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Robert C. Birkemeier, Regional Director, East Central Region

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SEP 13 1985
ERIN ORILEY

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AUGUST 30, 1985

VERNON R. DANIELS
[REDACTED]
ROCKFORD, IL. 61109

DEAR MR. DANIELS:

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 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT BSA LEADERSHIP 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 LEADERSHIP WHICH BSA SEEKS TO PROVIDE FOR AMERICAN YOUTH. PLEASE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DECISION AND THE REASONS FOR IT WILL BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE THIS DECISION REVIEWED, PLEASE WRITE TO ME, EXPLAINING YOUR VERSION OF THE FACTS SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM THAT YOUR REGISTRATION AS A BSA LEADER SHOULD BE GRANTED OR REINSTATED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

PAUL A. LOGLI
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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