

September 9, 1991

Mr. Michael D. Ballew
Scout Executive
Ouachita Valley Council, No. 213

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: WALTER E. BRIGGS

Dear Mike:

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: South Central Region, Sum SCR,

READY FOR FILE
SEP 06 1991
ERIN O'RILEY



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

South Central Region
1329 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152325, Irving, Texas 75015-2325

May 28, 1991

Mr. Walter E. Briggs
[REDACTED]

Downsville, Louisiana 71234

Dear Mr. Briggs:

This is to inform you that the Regional Review Committee met on May 15, 1991, to study your request for a review of the Ouachita Valley Council decision to revoke your registration with the Boy Scouts of America. The committee concurs with the action taken by the Ouachita Valley Council and upholds their decision.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write, within 30 days, to the Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, 13325 Walnut Hill lane, P. O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, explaining specifically why you believe this decision is in error.

Sincerely,

Richard Burdick
Regional President

cc: Paul Ernst, Director Registration
Bill Boulton, Regional Review Chairman
Richard Bentley, Regional Director
Mike Ballew, SE, Ouachita Valley Council

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Ouachita Valley Council, Monroe, Louisiana

WALTER E. BRIGGS

The committee concurs with the action taken by the council. Mr. Briggs has been notified by mail.

Registration review committee in attendance:

J. Harrell Curlee, Executive Board - South Central Region

Nelson R. Block, Executive Board - South Central Region

Dr. Isidore J. Lamothe, Jr., Executive Board - South Central Region

Thanks for your Help.

Sincerely,



BILL J. DERRICK
Regional Administrator/Personnel

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Appendix A

Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet

REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date: 2/22/91

Full name Walter E. Briggs
(Do not use initials if you can get the full name.)

Social Security no. 

Address _____
City Downsville State LA ZIP code 71234

Date of birth 9/26/38 (This is important. It should be exact.)

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

Religion _____ Nationality (citizen of) USA

Occupation Timberland surveyor. Licensed Forester

Education Graduate of LA. Tech

Weight 190 Height 5' 10" Race W Color of hair L. brown Color of eyes _____

Distinguishing physical characteristics slightly overweight, beard

Hobbies or special interests Field sports, hunting

Married Single Name of spouse _____

Children: Number _____ Names and ages none known

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit no.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
<u>T62</u>	<u>Downsville,</u>	<u>LA</u>	<u>CR, SA</u>	<u>2/28/90</u>	

Chartered organization Town of Downsville

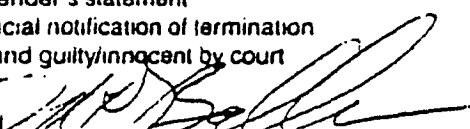
Special recognitions Eagle Scout, Camp Staff, Dist. Commissioner

Incident: Type 1 & 2 Date 1/19/90 Resolution 1 & 5

Type	Resolution
1. Scouting related	1. Internal (only BSA members know)
2. Not Scouting related	2. Criminal action
3. Homosexual (not specifically involving youth)	3. Court action
	4. Probationary status
	5. Reported to state agency

Check-off list of attached documentation

- Description of incident
- Statement by victim(s)
- Media reports
- Legal proceedings
- Council Quachita Valley #213
- Offender's statement
- Official notification of termination
- Found guilty/innocent by court

Signed 
Scout executive

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MAR 15 1991

F. STARON

March 27, 1991

READY FOR FILE

MAR 28 1991

A. GRIVES

Mr. Michael D. Ballew
Scout Executive
Ouachita Valley Council, No. 213

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: WALTER E. BRIGGS

Dear Mike:

I appreciate the material which you sent concerning the above named individual. I think this is most complete and is strong enough to enable us to refuse registration should attempts be made at a later time.

We would like to know if there is to be any legal action related to this. Please keep us informed if charges are pressed and if legal action takes place.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Bill J. Derrick, South Central Region, Sum SCR

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**OUACHITA VALLEY COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

March 7, 1991

TO: Paul Ernst, National Registration
Debra Griffith, Risk Management

FROM: Michael D. Ballew, CEO/Scout Executive

SUBJECT: Membership Revocation of Walter E. Briggs

As we have discussed by phone, it is the recommendation by a group of our officers that Mr. Briggs be placed in the Ineligible Volunteer File.

Enclosed is the required documentation. The appropriate Sheriff's office has been informed. In a meeting yesterday, Mr. Briggs denied any misconduct with any boy.

Please be advised that [REDACTED] has requested counseling for her son. We are helping her make the arrangements and will forward requests for the Council's reimbursement.

cc: James Shipp, Jr., Council President

JAMES SHIPP, JR.
PRESIDENT

MICHAEL D. BALLEW
CEO/SCOUT EXECUTIVE

WARREN WHITE
COMMISSIONER

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February 22, 1991

Allegations of Misconduct Against
Walter E. Briggs
Towards Scout
[REDACTED]

Concerns were first brought to me by [REDACTED] Scoutmaster, David Lambert on February 14, 1991. That same night I called [REDACTED] and set an appointment to talk about the allegations.

We were able to talk in person on February 20, 1991 in their home in Winnsboro. Both parents were present. After getting information from them they allowed me to talk to [REDACTED].

SUMMARY OF THE INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] and his father first met Mr. Briggs at our Council Winter Camp in November, 1989. Through a common interest in rabbit hunting, a relationship was established.

Mr. Briggs showed an increasing interest in [REDACTED] by touching him and by inviting [REDACTED] to spend the night in his home. Parents did not permit [REDACTED] to stay overnight.

Mr. Briggs invited [REDACTED] to be on his "staff" at a Cub Mom & Me held in late October. At this event, Mr. Briggs moved into [REDACTED] tent and stayed there for two nights. This was without Council knowledge.

[REDACTED] stated that while in the tent, Mr. Briggs hugged and kissed on him for about 20 minutes. [REDACTED] became very frightened but did not tell anyone.

During the weekend of January 18-19, Mr. Briggs was visiting the [REDACTED] home. Both parents and [REDACTED] stated Mr. Briggs kept following [REDACTED] into his bedroom when parents left the room. Mr. Briggs had done this also during previous visits to the [REDACTED] home. This time, according to [REDACTED], Mr. Briggs tapped [REDACTED] on the nose, told Kevin that he loved him, kissed him on the mouth, attempted to put his tongue in [REDACTED] mouth and unbutton his pants.

[REDACTED] said that she had seen Mr. Briggs kiss [REDACTED] on the lips on another occasion, but felt Mr. Briggs was just too nice a man to be suspicious. [REDACTED] also said Mr. Briggs had told him he loved him on other occasions but could not remember specifically when. Throughout the family's acquaintance, Mr. Briggs tried to get [REDACTED] to spend the night with him in his home.

[REDACTED] first told his parents of Mr. Briggs' actions on January 20, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Ballew
CEO/Scout Executive

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2/20/91

We believe that Wally Briggs has kissed our son on several occasions and attempted to put his ~~to~~ tongue in our sons [REDACTED] mouth.

Our son was touched and kissed in a tent at Ft. Me. Wally spent two nights in [REDACTED] tent.

In our home, Wally has grabbed [REDACTED] buttocks. He was ~~is~~ seen by [REDACTED] mother kissing [REDACTED] on the lips.

It is our opinion that Wally Briggs has ~~is~~ exhibited an abnormal interest in our son. [REDACTED] has a great fear to be around Wally. On several occasions Wally has asked [REDACTED] to spend the night with him in his home.

[REDACTED]



OUACHITA VALLEY COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 25, 1991

Walter Briggs

Downsville, LA 71234

Dear Walter:

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. Your registration fee expires at the end of February and therefore no refund is due.

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,

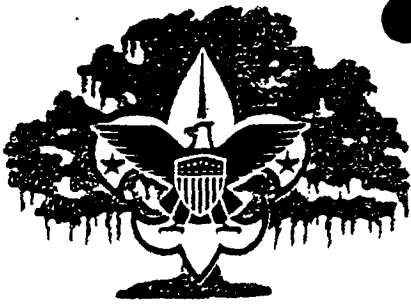
James Shipp, Jr.
President

JS:nw

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PRESIDENT

MICHAEL D. BALLEW
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WARREN WHITE
COMMISSIONER



**OUACHITA VALLEY COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

February 26, 1991

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Re: Walter "Wally" E. Briggs

This notice is to advise you that the Ouachita Valley Council has taken action to revoke the membership of Wally Briggs, who was associated with Troop 62. The Council's actions were taken as a result of an allegation of improper conduct with a boy by Mr. Briggs. Revocation of membership is standard procedure in such situations. Protection of children is our first priority.

Mr. Briggs is barred from all Scout activities until this matter may be resolved. We would request your assistance and cooperation in safeguarding the interests of your children. Should you desire further information you may contact:


Michael D. Ballew



JAMES SHIPP, JR.
PRESIDENT

MICHAEL D. BALLEW
CEO/SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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REC'D APR 29 1991

Downsville, La. 71234
April 22, 1991

Irving, Texas 75015

Dear Sirs:

Since 1947, when I was nine years old, I have been involved with Scouting, either directly or indirectly. Not all of this time has been as a registered member of a unit, but even when it was not practical for me to be active in Scouting, I continued to promote and boost the movement. I have been a participant in and a supporter of Scouting for almost half a century.

As a Cub Scout, I earned the Webelos rank; as a Scout, Eagle; as an Explorer, the Silver Award. I have been to Philmont (1955) and a National Jamboree (1953). Here in Ouachita Valley Council, I have been a Unit Committeeman, Assistant Scoutmaster, and District Commissioner. I have worked effectively with the Council at two Summer Camps, two Winter Camps and numerous short term activities, including Cub Resident Camp last year. In 1990, Ouachita Valley Council asked me to attend National Camping School in order to be better qualified for this volunteer work. I did so, learned a lot, and enjoyed every minute of it.

Scouting has been a major component of my life and I have attempted to impart to succeeding generations of Scouts the values that I acquired through Scouting. As an example, [redacted] Scoutmaster of Troop 62, was a Scout in his Dad's troop in the early 1960's. I was the Assistant Scoutmaster. Now, Bud is the Scoutmaster and his oldest son, [redacted] is about to complete the requirements for Eagle. I derive a lot of satisfaction from knowing that I have had a positive influence in the lives of these two men. There are many others on whom I believe I have had a positive effect. It is my desire to continue to pass on Scouting's lessons and values and watch the boys with whom I come in contact grow into confident, productive young men.

On March 1, 1991, I received notification that my registration with the Boy Scouts of America had been revoked because of an allegation of misconduct with a boy. The parents of the members of Troop 62 received a letter the same day informing them of this action. I have since visited with most of the parents and have been gratified by their responses of support and confidence. These people know me; the boys, the young men, their parents. If anything was not right, believe me, they would know it.

Over the past four years I have come in contact with hundreds of boys and scores of adult volunteer leaders. I have earned the respect of most of them and the friendship of many. There has never been any suggestion of misconduct such as was implied in the letter I, and the parents of the members of Troop 62, received March 1. I have done nothing wrong, nothing immoral. I ask that you review this matter most carefully. Consider my history and background in Scouting. Consider the support I have always given Scouting and the positive contributions I have made. There is much I would like to do yet, much I would like to return to Scouting.

I ask that this revocation be rescinded and that my registration in the Boy Scouts of America be restored.

APR 29 1991

Sincerely,
Walter E. Briggs
Walter E. Briggs

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2-21-91

MIKE BALLEW S.E.
Co. 213

12 YR OLD BOY (SCOUT)

SLEPT IN TENT WITH BOY ALONE
TRIED TO FRENCH KISS BOY
TRIED TO PUT HANDS IN PANTS

WALTER BRIGGS
JA 50062 #021864
Downsville La

INFO TO COME

Paul Ernst

Deleted from reg
Added to IV file
2/22/91

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MS08

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

MEMBER DELETE

02/22/91
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CNCL 213 PRG/UNIT S0062 SEQ. 021864

FIRST: WALTER

LAST : BRIGGS

ADDR1: [REDACTED]

ADDR2: DUNSVILLE

LA

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 71234

REG STATUS: R ENROLL: 0388 BIRTH: 0000 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

POSITION: CR FINDERCODE: 01 PHONE: [REDACTED] BULK: MAG-STATUS:

REN DAT: 0291

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