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Norwela Council, Inc. 3508 Beverly Place P. O. Box 4341, Shreveport, Louisiana 71134-0341 (318) 868-2774

March 15, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director Registration & Statistical Division National Office Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

The enclosed newspaper clipping appeared on the front page of the <u>Shreveport Journal</u> on March 13th. The reporter had visited the Bossier Parish Courthouse and noticed that civil action was pending against <u>Michael Wayne Keys</u>. He then called me to find out what I knew.

I told him that I was unsure of any court date. He then asked me what the Boy Scouts of America was doing to prevent the same thing from happening again -- thus, my remarks.

I will keep you informed.

Cordially,

Carlos del Hierro Scout Executive

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Enclosure

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Boy Scouts council toughens standards for picking leaders

Result of charges against former scoutmaster

By ERIK SANDIN Journal Staff Writer

Four lawsuits against the local Boy Scouts of America council and a former scout leader involving alleged sexual assaults against troop members are among the cases scheduled for civil jury trials beginning today in Bossier district court.

The lawsuits seek a total of \$55 million in damages from Michael Wayne Keys, the Norwela Council and the Boy Scouts of America.

The suits were filed nearly two years ago by the parents of several scouts and one adult scout who all allege Keys sexually assaulted troop members and that the Norwela Council did not investigate allegations or take action against Keys after parents.complained.

Keys was scoutmaster of a Haughton troop until he was dismissed in early February 1987 (ollowing complaints from parents of

troop members.

He later pleaded guilty in Bossier district court to three counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile after he was arrested in late February 1987 for assaulting a 9-year-old boy at the victim's Bossier City home.

While the suits have slowly and quietly progressed through the courts for two years, Norwela Council leaders quickly moved to toughen their requirements and the screening process for potential leaders.

We've got a brand new application," Norwela executive Carlos del Hierro said, "It's got a lot of questions. It asks for background information. We've gotten extremely tough in selecting leaders."

Del Hierro said scout leader applicants are asked questions about their scouting background, driving and criminal records, experience with other youth organizations, residences for the past five years and current memberships with community groups, and they must provide five character references. Del Hierro screens each application, then sends it to the BSA national office for further investigation.

"What we do here ... the organization signs off on this as well as I," he said. "Then it's sent to national office in Dallas. If there's a problem, it's kicked back here."

If a problem is found with an application, del Hierro said the applicant is removed from consideration as a scout leader.

In the six months that the new application has been used, del Hierro said only a few people have been dropped from consideration as

leaders because of information on the forms.

"Locally here in Shreveport, the Norwela Conneil, I'd say about two or three," he said. "I've heard of some cases where people won't fill the form out."

In addition to the new application procedure, del Hierro said the council held a child abuse awareness seminar with area scout leaders and camp staff last November at LSU-Shreveport.

"It was a positive type meeting on a negative subject," he said.

Del Hierro also said he personally investigates all allegations of abuse made against Norwela Council

"I step into the situation," he said. "I follow up. I interview people I try to establish the legitimacy of it. I relieve the leader of duty until he can prove his innocence."

He added that any information he comes up with is given to the state Child Protection Agency for investigation.

"I call the child protection agency and they deal with it," he said.

Del Hierro said that has ed on past investigations, two leaders in Shreveport and Bassier were suspended and later dropped out of the program after allegations were made against them. He added that he does not believe criminal charges were filed against either person.

"They're (child protection authorities) a very confidential group of people," he said. "If there was something that happened, they would have notified me, and I didn't hear a thing from them."

Del Hierro said the changes in the way the Norwela Council picks its troop leaders are meant to be tough.

"It's got to be tough; it's awfully important to us," he said. "I don't want it to come out ... that we're persecuting people. But we can't pussyfoot around on this."

Despite the new tougher standards and the publicity about Keys case and subsequent lawsuits, del Hierro said interest in scouting local remains high.

"It hasn't hurt us that much," he said. "The enthusiasm and positive image of the Boy Scouts hasn't been affected."

July 22, 1987

Mr. Carlos del Hierro Scout Executive Norwela Council, No. 215

PERSONAL AND COMPIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Michael Wayne Keys

Dear Carlos:

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 Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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3508 Beverly Place
P. O. Box 4341
Shreveport, LA 71134-0341 DAVID K. PARK
(318) 868-2774

May 28, 1987

Mr. David Park Legal Counsel Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear David:

Enclosed for your file is the most recent news article concerning the Michael Wayne Keys litigation. We will continue to update you as we receive more information.

Sincerely,

Carlos del Hierro Scout Executive

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Enclosure

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Ex-Scout leader pleads

A former Haughton Boy Scout troop scoutmaster, who had previously pleaded innocent to
charges of indecent behavior with juveniles,
changed his plea to guilty during an arraignment
hearing in Bossier District Court Tuesday.
Michael Wayne Keys, 29, of the 3200 block of
Deerfield in Haughton, entered the plea before
Bossier District Judge Monty Wyche. He was
charged in connection with sexual misconduct

City area. with juvenile boys in the Haughton and Bossier Keys faces 21 years in jail. A sentencing date has Assistant District Attorney Jim Bullars said

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April 14, 1987

Scout Executive Norwela Council, No. 215

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet which you recently sent us for the above-named individual. This will be most helpful to us in identifying him should be try to register in some other location.

We would like to have the outcome of any legal action which has taken place. This will help to strengthen our file and give us all the information which will be necessary for refusing future registration attempts.

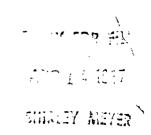
Please let us know if we may be of help in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service

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cc: South Central Region



SUBJECT: Michael Wayne Keys



Norwela Council, Inc.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

3508 Beverly Place P. O. Box 4341 Shreveport, LA 71134-0341 (318) 868-2774

February 27, 1987

T0:

Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription and

Statistical Service

FROM:

Council Registrar

SUBJECT: Unit Number Change

We would like to have Troop Number 216 changed to Troop 115. For the present time the sponsoring organization will remain the same, "Parents for Troop 115".

Enclosed please find copy of original letter mailed to you explaining circumstances involved.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

3508 Beverly Place P. O. Box 4341 Shreveport, LA 71134-0341 (318) 868-2774

February 26, 1987

TO:

Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription and

Statistical Service

FROM:

Benny High, Scout Executive

SUBJECT: Personal Record of Mike Keys

MICHAEL IU. KEYS

Please consider this a formal notice to remove Mike Keys from the registration system of the Boy Scouts of America. He was arrested in Bossier City, Louisiana by city police on February 25, 1987, in connection with an incident involving a nine year old boy related to child molestation.

The following items are enclosed for your records:

- 1) Norwela Council's official statement on Troop 216 and the Mike Keys incident, and newspaper article.
- 2) Charter showing date Keys was removed as Scoutmaster, February 20, 1987, and adult apolication for new Scoutmaster dated February 25, 1987.
- A letter and signed statement from the parents of the boys who have been involved.
- cc Richard Bentley Roy Henderson Jim Doody

NORWELA COUNCIL POSITION ON TROOP 216

- A. Status Bossier City, Louisiana
 - 1. There was a problem--Unit leader in question
 - 2. The person in question is no longer the unit leader
 - 3. We notified the police about the problem
 - 4. This is now a legal matter
- B. Our Concerns
 - 1. Boys and families--how we can help
 - 2. Maintenance and continuity of the weekly unit program
 - 3. Being supportive in solving the problem

2/25/81

National BSA:

Harold Fieszel, Director Insurance and Risk Management (214) 580-2227 Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription and Statistical Service (214) 580-2510

David Park, Legal Counsel (214) 580-2005

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Scoutmaster accused of molesting 4

By WILLARD WOODS Journal Staff Writer

Additional charges were lodged today against a Boy Scout troop scoutmaster who was arrested Wednesday afternoon for alleged indecent behavfor with a 9-year-old.

Michael Wayne Keys, 29, of the 3290 block of Deerfield in Haughton was arrested by Bossier City police in connection with the alleged assault of a 9year-old boy at his Bossier City home. Keys originally was booked into the Bossier City jail Wednesday and charged with one count of indecent behavior with a juvenile.

Keys was booked into the parish jail on additional charges this morning foilowing a Bossier Parish sheriff's investigation, spokesman Richard Car-

roll said.

The suspect was charged with three additional counts of indecent benavior with a juvenile in connection with sexual incidents occurring since 1983. Carroll said.

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The additional charges are the resaid. suit of an investigation prompted by the parents complaints concerning aileged sexual misconduct with juvenile boys from the Haughton area from 1983 to the fail of 1986. Carroll said.

The troop's 12 members vary in age with the youngest scout being 11.

Key had been scoutmaster at the troop for three years before he was dismissed about a week ago following complaints from the parents.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

An emergency meeting was called on February 19, 1987 to discuss an incident involving one of the younger scouts. It was revealed that a sexual advance was made against the younger boy's wishes. Following the meeting, the Scout Master was confronted with the accusation and confirmed it. Subsequently our three boys were asked if they had any knowledge of any other activities of a similar nature.

Advances had been made by Mike Keys toward our oldest son, age 14, when on a camping trip to Arkansas in January of 1987. Mike started wrestling with and put his hands on private parts, said he rejected the advances and told Mike never to touch him again like that and that he didn't like it.

Advances had also been made by Mike Keys toward our middle son who is age 12. This occurred for about the last year. It started with Mike Keys putting his hands on legs which made him feel very unconfortable. The last time it happened was about three weeks ago. Mike Keys started wrestling with and grabbed him between his legs in his private area. Pulled away very confussed by the whole incident.

Our son _____, age 9 at the time, informed us that Mike Keys had been putting his hands on the inside of his legs for alot of months. He wasn't sure for how long. Mike would come over to out house on the average of once a week, usually on the weekends and use our computer. would sit next to him and watch, sometimes we would notice Mike would pull him on his lap to play computer games. We never thought much about this, just that Mike seemed to have alot of patience with younger children. Sometime in January, 1987, Mike Keys came to the house at night when we were going out the door. All five of the kids were at home, including the 17 year old. We felt secure in letting Make in to use the computer. I guess we were gone for several hours. It was at this time that Mike went over to the couch were sitting and watching T.V. Mike put his hands on the inside of shorts and underware and began to fondle his privates. This according to ____ maybe lasted about a minute when at that time got<u>u</u>p and went to his room. Mike had said some things that scared Several of the commemts were as follows: Mike grabbing privates on the outside of his pants saying "I'll rip it off meaning his privates". Another comment was "I'll pick you up by it and swing you around", again referring to his privates.

Cur boys did not come forward until we had questioned them. They felt intimidated. One comment was that we hated to say anything about what Mike Keys had done to us because we had trust in him. He was our scout master. Our parents had trust in him. felt that by saying anything he would feel very embarrased by what had happened. All our boys are very relieved to have this in the open.

This statement is intended to serve as formal complaint.

By RON COLE 4/26/ Bossie City Boy Scout leader arrested

The Times

of indecent behavior with a juvenile. Jail on Wednesday afternoon on a charge troop was booked into the Bossier City. The leader of a Bossier City Boy Scout

to Bossier City police spokesman Gary dent involving a 9-year-old boy allegedly was arrested in connection with an incimolested earlier this month, according Michael Wayne Keys, 20, of Haughton,

The boy is the brother of one of the

scouts in the troop, Hines said.

The arrest was made after several groups of parents met with Bossier City police Monday, Hines said.

11 and older, according to officials at the Northwest Louisiana Council of the Boy The troop has about 12 members, age

against the leader, week ago after parents met with Norwela leaders and discussed complaints about three years. He was dismissed a Keys was scoutmaster of the troop for

viously, we're concerned about the boy

times." High said. We have a hard enough time

scout executive, said, "The parents brought it to our attention, we took action Roy Henderson, Norwela assistant

Norwela Scout Executive Benny C. High called the arrest "terrible."

"We're concerned about the fallout and the people involved," High said. "Ob-

and turned it over to police."

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"This is terrible for all scout people,"

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Ex-Scout leader charged again

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Michael Wayne Keys, 29, of Haughton

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Sheriff's Department Lt. Richard Car-

Bossler City police arrested Keys on a

The parish arrest comes a day after

ditional counts of indecent behavior with

Boy Scout troop was booked Thursday into the Bossier Parish Jail on three ad-

The former leader of a Bossier City

a Juvenile.

\$20,460 bond on all four charges, Carroll Keys is held in the parish jail in lieu of

Bossier City's arrest of Keys Wednes-

day concluded a three-day investigation dren. about sexual misconduct of their chilsparked by complaints from parents

Bossier Parish and Shreveport investigators. Police turned other complaints over to

Council of the Boy Scouts. about three years. He was dismissed Feb. to leaders of the Northwest Louisiana 19 after parents complained about Keys Keys was scoutmaster of the troop for

muteers cludes 10,000 scouts and about 2,500 vol ishes in Northwest Louisiana and in-II and older. Norwela covers nine par-The troop has about 12 members, age

Ex scoutmaster pleads guilty to sex misconduct

A former Haughton Boy Scout troop scoutmaster pleaded guilty Tuesday in Bossier district court to charges involving alleged sexual misconduct with Juvenile boys in the Haughton and Bossier City area.

Michael Wayne Keys, 29, of the 3259 block of Deerfield in Haughton entered the guilty plea to three counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile.

Bossier District Judge Monty Wyche accepted the guilty plea and ordered a presentencing investigation. No sentencing date has been set.

Keys was arrested Feb. 25 in connection with the alleged assault of a 3year-old boy at the boy's Bossier City home. Upon further investigation, acditional charges were added.

Keys had been scoutmaster at the troop for three years before he was dismissed in early February following complaints from parents.

We've got your number(s)

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exclusive computer graphics gives you three figures: today's, yesterday's and yesterday's adjusted to today's prices. Today's figures puts everyting in perspective.

Mike Keyen SA T46

On 7-7-82 MK visited Set Of for meterial, and I possibly & Set a date for Try, company this mo. During a break in conversation, B. H called me asside and Showed me a note stating that MK were deminish from the camp staff at TLI in Fromme and to be continued in wrining with this person.

On 7-8-82 all 104m & asked B.H. for permission to call Monroe Cul and to talk & 5 % for de tails. He agreed and I called. Spake to C.C. ASE and to told me he wan what he knew of the situation. 1. The Comp Ranger at Th J Come upon 1917 and a going Sch in an empty comp site. It was Stated that the Sch was cornered in this jute. also, the 5ct has allegedly used them words to the Ranger " fee I'm glad you are here! M.K. was Confronted by sunker person, possibly Comp director, about 5 trustim. M.K arlegedly said "This is the first time anything like this how ever hoppened!" MK was fixed on the 5 pot and given the to leave camp, which he did with no objections.

2. CC tolom that he was MK in L.C. La. where MK was 15 M TIG in Sulphur. Top Comm requested MK guit and he did. Seems that over a 3 yr period, he became two freedly w/ymager boys. While they know of nor concrete overstations, MK actions was suspected. Not wanting to have a N.O. Cuel type Jeandel, They asked MK to guit. CC year have the name of Ned Barner, 5MT/6 in Sulphur or a reference.

3. CC. also Stated that prior to comp grining (TLI) he recognized MK and advised the lange Alvestor of what he knew. No action was taken.

Opprox 11:32 Am on 7.8- 82 2 adled
The Borne and asked for info. He stated
that at the time he was SM of T/c best in
Convently Serving in a different jet. Any way
while there was nothing Specific or concrete
they felt his action are a 3 yr period to
be odd and here suspect. They noticed at
tendency for MH to get 4/ from the grp
w/ granger sta, as pecually at odd times. Parento
Complained that MK would show up at their
home, unexpectably at odd times and specifical
when the porents were not home. A few sate
Complained to him that MK put his hands in
them or had touched them in ways they

Shey be came consumed and decided to avoid a possible problem and the Comme and MK to another. Mr Barns did say I cored give his home and telephone # to any lightemate Concerned person. He stated that in no way the had MK did any their specifically wrong and that if this man had any inclinations toward homosusfality, that was his right personnally as quaranteed by the Court of the load, and he had not quarter to yet for and he had not grand we find that. He did state that he felt this type of astracty (Homosufuelty) was encountered up the policy and purposes of setting.

Opprofitably 1:15 PM on 7.8.82, I visited by Per Jim 91. Doniel, prechor for the Spraning portner. I explained to him what I had leaved and that I was concerned about feature meetings & activities. J. Mr. D. states that Homsefuelity was not condoned by his Che and hence the metter would need booking with. Since I shoved sinfo w/him before I could show it w/B. H. who had left the office. I told J. Mr. D. that I thought we would have a mity w/M. H. till him what has come to our attention and ask him to guit.

March 4, 1987

Mr. Benny C. High Scout Executive Norwala Council, No. 215

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Benny:

Thank you for the information which you recently sent concerning the above-named individual. This will be most helpful to us in setting up a file and refusing registration should attempts be made at a later time.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, which will help us to identify Mr. Keys should be move to another location and attempt registration. This will also help people in the future, should neither you nor I be in our present jobs.

When the legal action is completed against Mr. Keys, we would like to have the final disposition and also the sentencing that takes place. This will then complete the file and give us all the information which we need.

Thanks so much for your help in preparing a very complete case to protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: South Central Region

1100 L 1987

SUBJECT: Michael W. Koys

I Me D asked me to keep him ported & that posted they might hold off any actions until often see met w/M.K. I then left. One after thing, I would the Ch to know what I knew, because MK had mentioned on Wed, that he might he hired as a Youth Director for the Ch.

On or old 3:30 PM 7-8.82 I should sof RH +BH what I had learned and all my would be best not to confirmt MH with what we know since it it all kear say, nothing ever having been documented an regard wrong doing. It was suggested that I ougget to the Ch that of no ground with the Top Comm + 5M made up and agree on grad rule. Once such rule is to never go on any outing w/o at least 3 male about. Buile mention protection of self action, of their were on injury and a set or sets had to be taken to a hospital, one adult cosed dinne, and one abult could still be wy the other boys to Supervise and help keep things

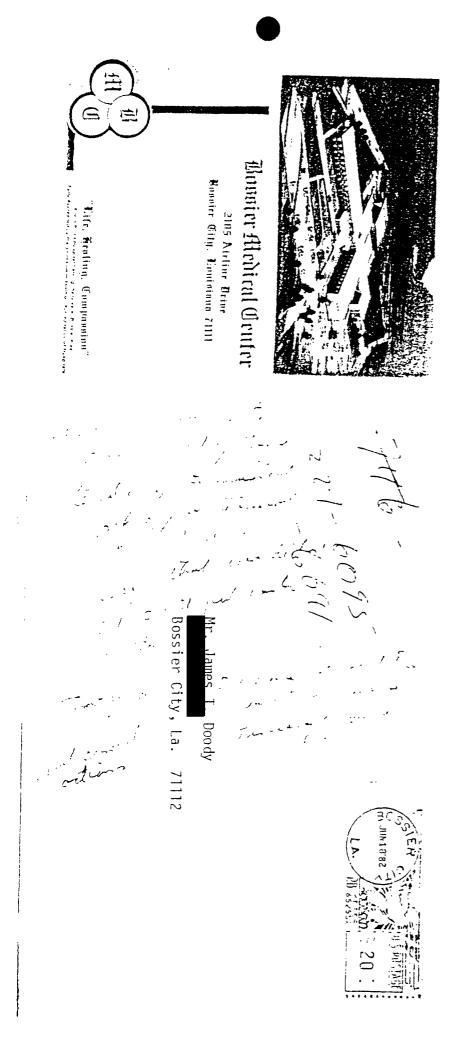
Inother rule neight he to have more than one about present at all meetings, to help keep order and to pertope to och Sil Shith or commel site needing help.

On regards possible employment by the Ch. for HK. If they felt the need to envertigate any further than what they remained do, that would be their perogetive

In a 3 way telephone conversation in J M. D. R. H and myself the Ch was improved of the above.

In ending their commenter after RH get of the live. J. M. D asked for the normal telephone # of the personne I had getter wife from. He also ahed if he could use my name of any questions needed to be asked of me. I agreed to their.

STN 7.9.82



MK 7-12-86

Ch Jun. 7-11-82 - Mr. Offett called me at home, opport 8:30 PM. Said that he at home, opport 8.30PM. Daid that he had a talk up MK and wan guts open on fronk about what info I had given to J. Mc D. The end result was that MK will stay on a SM and they will endeavor to get him more help for mitys and outing. He asked all a trong south for the Comm. I tell him the purpose of such won to be of help to the SM sor that one person would not be unduly burdoned.

He stated that they would work w/M. It to develop a better self image and that he agreed to love some weight.

I did not feel it my place to ash any other questions and hence did not.

Defeater. I some I had gather from J. Mr. D. Treed to cold his home of father # a couple of times nor answer