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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 7/23/87

FULL NAME WILLIAM E COOPER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY Memphis STATE Tn ZIP CODE 38119

DATE OF BIRTH 04/18/61 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Teacher

EDUCATION Collier, D.C.

WEIGHT 155 HEIGHT 5'11" RACE white

COLOR OF HAIR black COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN none
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
50238	Memphis	Tn	SA	6/86	
D-8611	"	"	Camp Staff	5/86	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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

APPROVED
AUG 3 1 '87
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Joe A. Long
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Chickasaw

December 9, 1987

Mr. Joseph A. Long
Scout Executive
Chickasaw Council, No. 558

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William E. Cooper

Dear Joe:

We were scanning our files and discovered that William E. Cooper is still registered in your Troop S0238. This individual was placed on the confidential file during 1987 and; therefore, should have been removed from your computer as a deletion.

We are bringing this to your attention so you are aware that his registration was never deleted from your computer file.

Please let us know if we can be of any help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

mdw

cc: Southeast Region

*I Re deleted from
National files
12/10/87
cmw*

READY TO FILE
DEC 1987
ERIN O'NILEY

September 2, 1987

Mr. Joseph A. Long
Scout Executive
Chickasaw Council, No. 556

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William E. Cooper

Dear Joe:

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 Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

READ FILE
ERIN ORLEN



National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

RECEIVED

JUL 23 1987

PAS.

7-22-87
I HAVE SOME INFO
YOU DO - NO MORE,
NO LESS - I HAVE
ASKED S.E. FOR C.R.
SHEET.

David K. Park
214-580-2005
S400

Paul



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHICKASAW COUNCIL 558
171 SOUTH HOLLYWOOD • MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38112

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July 16, 1987


Mr. Dave Parks, Attorney
National Council, B.S.A.

Irving, Texas 75038-3096

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Joe A. Long
Scout Executive

cc: Paul Ernst, Director of Registration
David Williams, Board Member
W. David Roddey, Council President



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CONF015253

JULY 14, 1987

Early 10:30

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██████████ will meet with ██████████ Thursday a.m., July 16 in their home, rather than wake them at 2 a.m. upon his return from camp to Memphis.

CONF015254

PARTIES INVOLVED
POTENTIAL SEXUAL ABUSE

VICTIM - [REDACTED] 13 year old Scout, Troop 330, Memphis, Tennessee

ALLEGED PERSON COMMITTING ACT - William E. Cooper, S.A., Troop 238

Phone - [REDACTED]

PARENTS - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cordova, Tn. 38018

SCOUTMASTER - Mike Ruhl - Troop 330

Scout [REDACTED], Troop 330, [REDACTED] friend

Reverend Pat Lunderman - Camp Chaplain and Pastor of Southaven United
Methodist Church

Jimmy Greer - Camp Staff member and 16 years old

Otis Warr, IV, Camp Staff member and 21 years old

Claud Brown - Kia Kima Camp Director

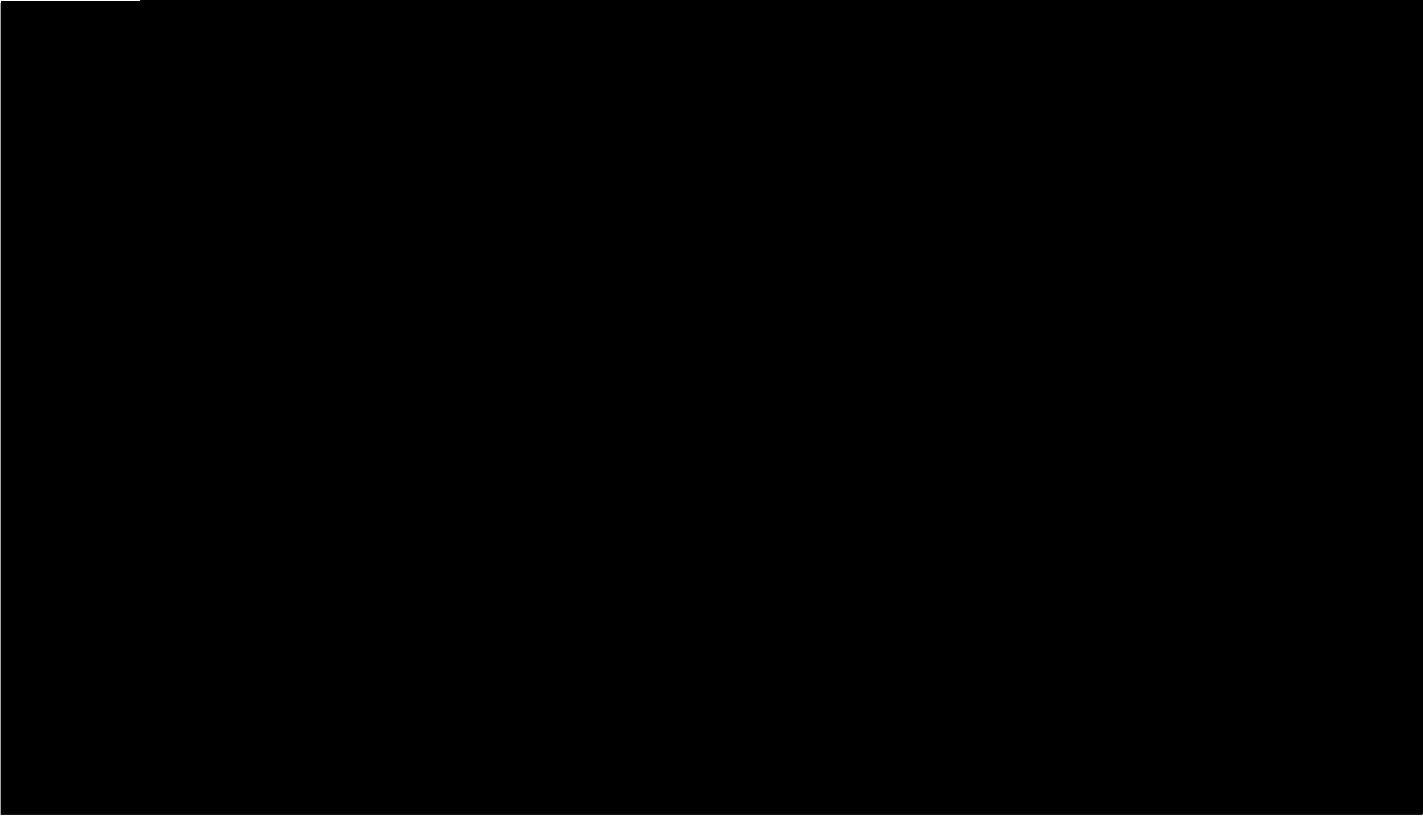
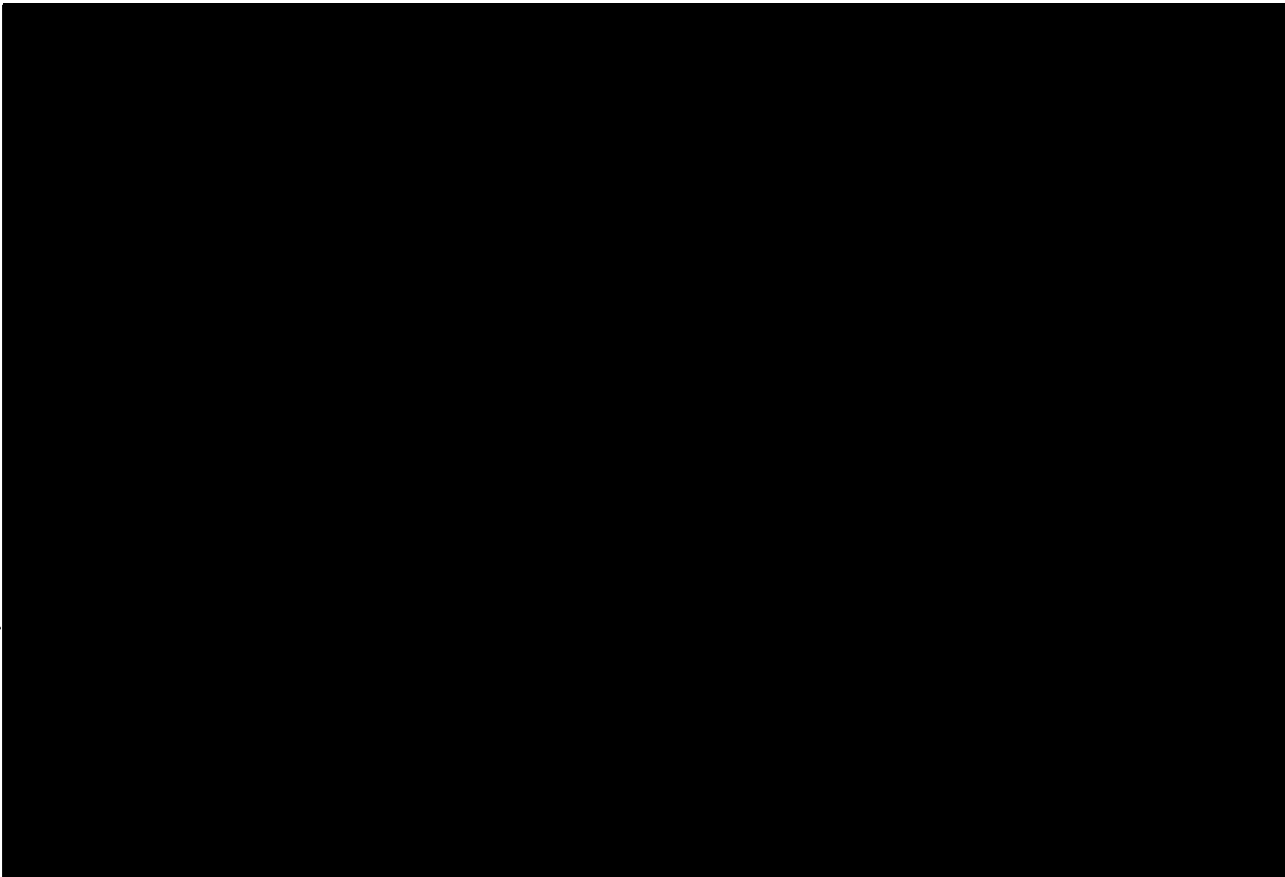
Joe Long - Scout Executive, Chickasaw Council

Mark Evans, District Executive, Chickasaw Council

Mr. Ernst -

*Please put
this with your
file.*

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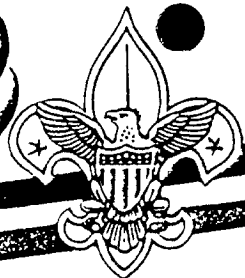
July 16, 1987

On July 16, 1987, 7 a.m., Joe Long and Mark Evans met with [REDACTED] in their home to discuss an incident concerning their son [REDACTED]. It was explained to [REDACTED] that while attending Kia Kima Scout Reservation near Hardy, Arkansas, [REDACTED] brought it to the attention of the Camp Chaplain that he had been sexually fondled by one of the camp staff members. Joe Long proceeded to explain the exact details of the incident that had occurred on Wednesday night, July 15, 1987. [REDACTED] seemed to receive this information well, considering its serious nature. It seemed, however, that they were in a state of shock. Though they were not upset emotionally, [REDACTED] did indicate that he would like to place formal charges against the perpetrator. Joe Long told [REDACTED] that he would rather their son, [REDACTED], tell them the name of the individual. They both agreed.

Joe Long and Mark Evans both explained the reasons why they waited until the next morning to approach [REDACTED] with the incident. Primarily, the reason was not to bring overt attention and emotion to the situation, especially with [REDACTED] who had not yet told his Scoutmaster of the event. They both agreed that it was best to have waited. Second the accused staff member had already been formally discharged and relieved of all rights privileges and responsibilities involving the Boy Scouts of America and escorted off of reservation.

Then, Joe Long gave [REDACTED] phone numbers and the Scout Service Center address so that they could get him or Mark Evans for additional information as the situation developed.

CONF015257



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHICKASAW COUNCIL 558

July 16, 1987
9:04 a.m.

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CONF015258



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHICKASAW COUNCIL 558
171 SOUTH HOLLYWOOD • MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38112

July 16, 1987
10:30 a.m.

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July 16, 1987
11:15 a.m.

Joe Long called [REDACTED] and asked him if he talked to the Scoutmaster. He indicated that he did and that they were going to leave him at camp until Saturday. Joe Long told him we had reported this to Shelby County Juvenile Court Division and they would be conducting an investigation. He further told [REDACTED] that the Boy Scouts of America would, if he and his wife deemed it necessary, pay \$100 per session per week for three months for professional counselling for [REDACTED]. If after three months, the doctor would need to provide information for request for additional counselling.



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CONF015259

ADULT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—
PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.

- PACK NO. _____
- TROOP NO. _____
- TEAM NO. _____
- POST NO. _____
- SHIP NO. _____

COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION
AND STAFF

DISTRICT NO. 11 FULLY TRAINED

FIRST NAME AND INITIAL: WILLIAM E
LAST NAME: COOPER

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.
[REDACTED]

DATE OF BIRTH: 04 | 18 | 61 | 49
MONTH DAY YEAR POSITION

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if necessary)
[REDACTED]

BOYS' LIFE:
CHECK ONE: NEW LEADER, FORMER LEADER
SEX: M

CITY: MEMPHIS STATE: TN ZIP CODE: 38111

CIRCLE B OR H: B
PHONE: [REDACTED] DATE: 5/14/84
PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND: [REDACTED] COUNCIL: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: I.C.H.S., 1725 Central, Teacher
SIGNATURE—SEE COVER: William E. Cooper

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 5 . 00
BOYS' LIFE FEE: \$.
TERM (MONTHS): 08
UNIT RENEWAL DATE: 12 | 86
MONTH YEAR

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE:
TRANSFER FROM
COUNCIL: [REDACTED] NAT'L UNIT NO.: [REDACTED] MEMBER ID NO.: [REDACTED]

*1st reg unit 5/86
tran # 5-3*

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE -
 PRESS HARD, YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES.
 FIRST NAME AND INITIAL: W I L L I A M E
 LAST NAME: C O O P E R
 DISTRICT NO. TC 238
 POST NO. SHIP NO. TRAINED

ADDRESS - STREET OR R.F.D.

DATE OF BIRTH: 04 18 81
 POSITION: SA
 CITY: MEMPHIS
 STATE: TN
 ZIP CODE: 38111
 BOYS' LIFE: CHECK ONE: NEW LEADER FORMER LEADER
 SEX: M

CIRCLE OR H: B
 PHONE: [REDACTED]
 DATE: 11/6/86
 PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND: Camp Staff - Summer '86
 COUNCIL: TN (KANSAS)

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: J.C. High School Teacher, 1725 Central
 SIGNATURE - SEE COVER: McWilliam E Cooper

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 5.00
 BOYS' LIFE FEE: \$.00
 TERM (MONTHS):
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FOR COUNCIL USE:
 TRANSFER FROM COUNCIL: 558
 NAT'L UNIT NO.: D5611
 MEMBER ID NO.: 033273

1. Unit/charter organization a member of unit/charter organization information is complete.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Head of chartered organization signature present.
5. Chartered Organization Code listed on Charter Renewal Form.
6. Council Representative signature present.
7. Status indicated on Quality Unit, 100% Boy Life, Top Leader Trained.
8. Unit/charter Code is present for Chartered Organization.

NATIONAL OFFICE COPY

Handwritten notes at bottom of page: "RFS", "50238", "Kane", "8/10/84".

July 21, 1987

Mr. Joseph A. Long
Scout Executive
Chickasaw Council, No. 558

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William E. Cooper

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your phone call and the other information which you recently sent concerning the above named individual who was registered in Troop 238. I have sent you a confidential record sheet. I hope you have received this so that you may complete it and give us information necessary for identifying Mr. Cooper should he try to register at some later time.

You have given us a very complete file which certainly is most helpful in identifying the situation as it occurred. We would like to know the outcome of any legal action which takes place so we may add this to our file. This will certainly strengthen our refusal of any registration attempts.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

mdw

cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE
JUL 21 1987
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF015262



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CHICKASAW COUNCIL 558
171 SOUTH HOLLYWOOD • MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38112 • [REDACTED]

July 16, 1987

Mr. Dave Parks
Attorney
National Council, B.S.A.
1328 Walnut Hill Lane
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CONF015265

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 558

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: JOE LONG

POSITION: SE [REDACTED]

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____

VETERANS _____

EXPLORING _____

SCOUTING _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

CF.
WILLIAM E. COOPER SA 50278

SEXUAL MOLESTATION OF MALE YOUTH
AT CAMP

SEND C.R. SHEET

Record sheet sent 7-16-87 cmw
Added to CF file.
Have not deleted from registration pending further info from council 7-16-87 cmw
ID # 033493
Bly 4-61
Deleted for registra files 7-

NAME Pant
DATE 7-16-87
TIME _____