

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEERS RECORD SHEET  
Registration Service  
 Boy Scouts of America

Date August 9, 1991 Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Full Name William Haskins Tross  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Westminster State Maryland Zip Code 21157

Date of Birth 3/14/27 (This is important and should be exact)

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

Religion Protestant Nationality American

Occupation Retired professional scouter

Education College degree

Weight 190 lbs. Height 5'11" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing physical characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies or special interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married  Single  Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Connections:

Unit No. T631 City Westminster State Maryland Position CC, DMAL

Date registered \_\_\_\_\_ Date resigned \_\_\_\_\_

Special recognitions \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Type 1 Date 6/15-7/15/91 Resolution 5

- | Type   | Resolution                                    |
|--|---|
| 1. Scouting                                      | 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-local city police |

SEP 05 1991

Check-off list of attached documentation

- |                            |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Description of incident | x | 5. Offender's statement                 |
| 2. Statement by victim (s) | x | 6. Official notification of termination |
| 3. Media reports           |   | x                                       |
| 4. Legal proceedings       |   | 7. Found guilty/innocent by court       |

Council Baltimore Area

Signed Charles S. Lenham, Jr.  
 Scout Executive

September 9, 1991

Mr. Charles I. Lanham, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Baltimore Area Council, No. 220

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM HASKINS TROSS

Dear Chuck:

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: Northeast Region,

READY FOR FILE  
SEP 06 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF025341

August 28, 1991

STANDARD FILE  
AUG 28 1991  
BARBARA COOBY

SUBJECT: WILLIAM H. TROSS  
From: Paul Ernst, S108  
To: Mel Hunter, S220

The above named individual has been placed on our Ineligible File. He is a member of NESA and we wanted to make you aware of this situation.

Let us know if you need further information.

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Attachment

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM  
BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The following information was provided to:

Edward A. Rasmuson, Director of Field Service  
(Name of person/position)

[REDACTED] Balto., Md. 21211  
(Telephone number/address)

Name of suspected abuser William H. Tross

Address [REDACTED] Westminster, Md. 21157

Telephone No. [REDACTED] Scouting position, if known TCC, DMAL

Child's name [REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Parent's name [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Westminster, Md. 21157

Telephone No. [REDACTED]

Physical indicators observed None

Behavioral indicators observed Emotionally upset with request  
to visit with Mr. Tross

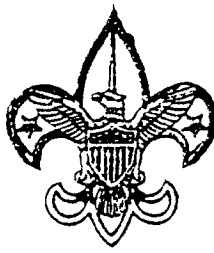
Other indicators observed/known None

Reporter's name and position Edward A. Rasmuson, Director of  
Field Service

Date of report 8/9/91 Signature [Signature]

8/91  
lnk  
doc:AppendixA

*Added to IUR  
deleted re  
AN NECA notified this  
3/26/91*



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Memo: to File

From: ER,

Date: 8/9/91

Re: Standards of Leadership  
William Tross

On Wednesday, August 7, 1991 [redacted] telephoned me to report an alleged case of child abuse involving her 11yr old son [redacted] and Mr. William Tross.

She related the following information:

- \* After joining The Boy Scouts, Mr. Tross invited [redacted] to his apartment so he could help prepare him to be a good Scout
- \* Beginning in mid-June [redacted] visited Mr. Tross on 4 or five separate occasions alone in his apartment
- \* During these visits [redacted] was asked to remove his own shirt and to remove Mr. Tross's shirt during hypothermia first aid training and exercises
- \* During these visits [redacted] reported that Mr. Tross repeatedly hugged him.

\* An unsigned statement from [redacted] is attached

\* On July 24, 1991 [redacted] reported these incidents to the local unit leadership and The Westminster City Police.

[redacted]



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\* Detective Litchfield of the Westminster City Police conducted an official investigation. The results were that no criminal activity transpired, however in Detective Litchfield's opinion Mr. Truss's behavior was very questionable. Mr. Truss also admitted to [redacted] to take his and his own sheets off and kissing [redacted] at on Monday August 7, 1991. In spite of Scoutmaster [redacted] he confirmed his conversation with [redacted] and the comment that there have been previous allegations (6-8 years prior)

After careful review of this information with Charles [redacted] Scout Executive, Robert Kuefer, B-A-C legal counsel and Paul Ernst, it was decided to suspend Mr. Truss's registration with the B-S-A. As per the attached exhibit file listing Mr. Truss was removed from the registration records of the B-A-C B-S-A on August 9, 1991, 12:15 PM.

Did not like him hugging me all the time. Everytime I did something he had to hug me. I didn't like it when he told me to ~~to~~ take my shirt off when I was doing exercises.

I had to do the hypothermia treatment with him and I had to take my shirt off and he ~~took his shirt~~ had me ~~to~~ take off his shirt. He had me stand front to front and I had to put my arms around him like he was the victim of hyperthermia. We did this 3 different times on 3 different days.

After the 1<sup>st</sup> day he said "ok we're friends now" but after 3 times he made me say "we are best friends" and ~~then he asked me if we can get any better than best friends~~ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> time he asked me "how good

friends are we"? I said  
very good and then he asked  
me "can we get any better than  
that" and I said "not  
really" and then he asked me  
the same question again "can  
we get any better than that."  
and I said best friends is  
better than that but I never  
said we were best friends.

He said this is our own  
private hugs. Standing  
face to face and hold me  
very tight and had me  
put my arms around his  
back and his arms around  
my back

During my exercises he'd hug  
me without my shirt on.  
~~He~~ I did ~~at~~ pull ups, long jumps,  
leg lifts



# Boy Scouts of America

Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America [REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland 21211-2899 - Telephone [REDACTED]  
Council 220, Area 6, Northeast Region

August 15, 1991

Mr. William H. Tross  
[REDACTED]

Westminster, Maryland 21157

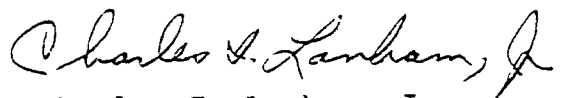
Dear Bill:

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 yours,



Charles I. Lanham, Jr.  
Scout Executive

CIL:lnk

AN AGENCY SUPPORTED THROUGH



The United Way of Central Maryland

and YOUR Friends of Scouting Enrollment

CONF025348

CALL BACK REQUESTED

COUNCIL # 220

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

On-Line \_\_\_\_\_ Batch \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: Mr. Rasmussen

POSITION:

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

DEBIT \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM CODE

& UNIT #

RENEWAL DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

ID #

FILM #

*Re: Confidential*

*11 YRS OLD SCOUT SEXUALLY ABUSED  
BY LEADER*

*POLICE COULD NOT PRESS CHARGES  
HOWEVER, INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR BY ADULT*

SOLUTION:

*TROSS 7*

*BILL TROUSE*

*INF - T & D*

*220-03631-156289*

*D8602-167136*

*80631-152070*

NAME

DATE

*[Signature]*  
*8/8/91*

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MEMBER DELETE 13:59:14

CNCL 220 PRG/UNIT C3631 SEQ. 156289

FIRST: WILLIAM H LAST : TROSS  
ADDR1: ██████████ ADDR2: WESTAINSTER MD  
ADDR3: ADDR4: ZIP: 21157

REG STATUS: I ENROLL: 0490 BIRTH: 0327 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A  
POSITION: MC FINDERCODE: 02 PHONE: ██████████ BULK: MAG-STATUS:  
REN DAT: 0391

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CNCL 220 PRG/UNIT 18612 SEQ. 167136

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ADDR1: ██████████ ADDR2: WESTMINSTER MD ZIP: 21157  
ADDR3: ADDR4:

REG STATUS: M ENROLL: 0790 BIRTH: 0000 SEX: AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A  
POSITION: 75 FINDERCODE: 02 PHONE: ██████████ BULK: MAG-STATUS:  
REN DAT: 0691  
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MAGAZINES

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CNCL 220 PRG/UNIT S0631 SEQ. 152070

FIRST: WILLIAM H LAST : TROSS  
ADDR1: ██████████ ADDR2: WESTMINSTER MD  
ADDR3: ADDR4: ZIP: 21157

REG STATUS: R ENROLL: 0490 BIRTH: 0327 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A  
POSITION: CC FINDERCODE: 02 PHONE: ██████████ BULK: MAG-STATUS: \*  
REN DAT: 0392

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MEMBER DELETED FROM DATABASE SUCCESSFULLY

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FS1020  
MEMBER INFORMATION

SEARCH NAME TROSS FIRST INIT U ID NUMBER 8902667 MEMBER CODE N

FULL NAME WILLIAM H TROSS  
X X X (PLACE AN X BENEATH EVERY CAPITAL)

ADDRESS 1 [REDACTED]  
X X X X

ADDRESS 2

CITY ANNAPOLIS STATE MD ZIPCODE 00000000  
X

COUNCIL NO. 999 ES CODE 999270087 UNIT CODE UNIT NUMBER

UNIT CITY UNIT STATE BIRTH DATE 000000

R.O.R. DATE 000000 E.S.S. DATE 000000 NICKNAME X

NESA DATE 110982 NESA BATCH 000000 NESA EXPIRATION YR 87

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