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# Expert tells obsession of Scout aide

By Jerry Shnay

A psychologist, testifying Thursday for the defense in the trial of a former Boy Scout leader accused of molesting an 11-year-old boy, described the defendant 25 "a person obsessed and infatuated with young boys."

"He was relating to those children essentially as lovers, and said he was teaching them things no other adult would tell them," said Dr. Lawrence Heinrich, who conducted a rusciamination of Burbank.

tacking at least 11 youths between the ages of 10 and 14, is being tried on two counts of appravated criminal sexual assault involving one boy.

If convicted by the 10-man, 2-woman jury in the Bridgeview branch of Cook County Circuit Court, Hacker could face 60 years in prison.

Attorney Elliot Price began his defense Thursday by trying to prove the contention he made during opening arguments that his client was insane and "totally out of control."

In recalling some of the interviews he conducted with the defendant, Heinrich called s behavior "bizarre" and "deviant."

"Being around these boys made him feel special." Heinrich said. "He said that people kept telling him it was wrong, to stop these things, and he said he's tried to stop a million times but didn't know how.

"In his own mind, molestation was something else. He had a sense that he was helping boys develop healthy attitudes about themselves."

was married at one time and was the father of three children, but the psychologist said he could not escape his obessions.

Heinrich said told him that he thought marriage "would solve things," but he added that "he had to fantasize about kids to have sex with his wife."

Earlier in the week, six youths, including the victim in the case on trial, testified for the prosecution.

of the Burbank Park District and had been active in various youth activities, is accused of attacking the youths on numerous Boy Scout overnight camping trips, when he was an assistant Scoutmaster of a troop that served the Burbank and Oak Lawn ares.

He was arrested on Feb. 10, 1988, after authorities received complaints from the parents of one of the victims, who said they suspected their son had been molested.

After he was taken into custody, an investigation revealed that he had been convicted for sex offenses in Indianapolis in 1970 and Mt. Prospect in 1971: A avoided discovery for years, although his name was supposed to be on a national "not-for-hire" list circulated by the Boy Scouts.

Heinrich, who returns to the stand Fridsy, said told him he was "frequently reported" for his activities. "They would know something was wrong, but no charges were filed. They'd tell him to resign or we'll report you."

The case is expected to go to the jury-sarly next week.

May 5, 1988

Child Protection Investigator
Uepartment of Children and Family Services
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Dear Ms. Guest:

Thank you for your letter of April 15, concerning We appreciate this information as it aids us in our identification of those who should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

Thanks again for notifying us on this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

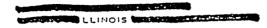
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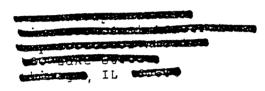
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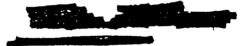


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Sincerely yours,



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April 15, 1988

Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
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# Suspect in child molesting able to keep past hidden

By BILL TORPY and BOB BROWN Stoff Reporters

BURBANK — For the last 17 years,

Those who knew her thought he was an intelligent, energetic man who worked extremely well with children. They saw him as a motivated teacher with a master's degree in child psychology.

He was experienced in setting up and running youth programs, could train staff members and even carried a fine tune around the campfire.

Those impressive credentials helped land teaching jobs and rise to leadership positions with the Oak Lawn and Burbank park districts and the Boy Scouts.

What no one knew was that was a convicted pedophile. He was arrested as early as 1961 in Indianapolis on charges later dropped by a judge and pleaded guilty in August 1970 to sexually assaulting a 14-year-old Indianapolis boy.

past started unraveling 11 days ago when the former director of the Burbank Park District was charged with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault in the molestations of three Boy Scouts ages 11 and 12.

Authorities said 51, former leader of Boy Scout Troop 1600 at St. Louis De Montfort Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, allegedly molested the boys on campouts for may be implicated in as many as 30 assaults between 1983 and 1987, according to authorities

An investigation by The Daily Southtown Economist Newspapers of the sactivities since moving to Illinois in 1970 found that despite at least two alleged fondling incidents, there continued to work in jobs and volunteer organizations that allowed him to stay in close contact with young boys.

r was hired by the Burbank Park District in 1980 — even though he had resigned under pressure from the neighboring Oak Lawn Park District five years earlier following allegations of abuse.

He also became a Boy Scout troop leader at the Oak Lawn Catholic church — even though he was banned from the Scouts following the 1970 Indianapolis incident.

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In this photo taken Feb. 11, Burbank Police Commander Bill Kujawa escores (left) to court in Chicago Ridge. Feb. 12.

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# Suspect

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Hidden record

The case with which able to leave his past behind in Indiana and resurface amid allegations of the same crimes is perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the case.

John Meduga, supervisor of the Ulinois State Police child exploitation unit, said allegations of child molestation against the cr date back to 1961 in Indianapous, where he was working as a leacher and Scout leader when he was accused of abusing a boy. A judge later dismissed those charges.

was arrested in February - nme years later - and accused of molesting as many as 51 young boys. Indianapolis newspaper accounts paint a picture of as a popular school teacher, YMCA youth leader, area educational leader and a Boy Scout leader, the same image he cultivated in Illi-

pleaded guilty to sexual assault and was given a 1- to 5-year suspended sentence. The judge also warned that any new violations during that period would send or to prison to serve out his sentence.

Lost in the system

lowed to move to Illinois in December 1970, according to records in the Cook County Adult Probation Department. Less than a year later, on Nov. 23, 1971, Transpleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of taking indecent liberties with a child in northwest suburban Mount Prospect.

But it's impossible to tell if that conviction was ever reported to the Indiana judge, Cook County and Indiana authorities said the case files from that time have been destroyed.

Only one thing is certain. never was sent back to prison in Indiana.

Instead, the remained in the Chicago area and in 1973 was hired as a sixth-grade leacher with the Chicago Public Schools.

While working as a Chicago schoolteacher was hired by the Oak Lawn Park District as daycamp director in 1975 for children

11 and 12 years old.
"He was as outstanding an employee as you may find," said Scott McNally, former recreation direclar for the nark district

Problems arise

But then came problems, "We never had overnights before he came and he suggested we have them," McNally said. "He said it would be good for the kids' experience."

After an overnight, one of the boys alleged by pulled him under a table and massaged his butt," McNally said. He added that other boys alleged the pulled up their pajama bottoms to wake them up.

Park officials made take a lie detector test after parents complained but refused to allow er to phrase his own questions as he wanted, according to Mc-Nally.

"He did admit spanking (one boy's) bare bottom," McNally said, adding that failed the rest of the test when asked about his intent. "According to the examiner, he blew the box off the wall meaning he flunked badly.

McNally said he drave back from the test and it was a quiet gide. He said he was surprised 's reaction to the incident. "He was mostly mad he didn't get to structure the ques-tions," McNally said.

McNally said hoard members were stunned, "but with him, you didn't want to believe it. But then again, you have to look into his personality and how he manipulates. He had us all duped."

The parents did not want in press charges and the park district forced er to resign. "All we could do was dismiss him and encourage him to seek help," McNally said.

State Rep. John McNamara, then president of the Oak Lawn Park District board, confirmed that r admitted spanking the youth and failed the lie detector lest.

McNamara conceded "it does boggle the mind" that U-continued to be involved in youth activities in the area after leaving Oak Lawn.

McNamara also said he knew that Hacker later became a Scout leader at St. Louis De Montfort, but maintained it is difficult to warn others because there was no criminal record.

He said he told the Rev. James Quinn, a deceased former pastor, but did not tell the current pastor,

the Rev. Bill Quinn.
"If I came to you with a rumor, what would you do?" McNamara asked. He said to be an extremely brilliant individual who psychologically manipulates Moving on

McNally said he was surprised to er left the hear that soon after park district, he became president of the West Side Baseball Association, a youth baseball league in Oak

"People knew; the informal network knew," McNally said. "How could they let him back in?'

s stay as president of the West Side Baseball Association is cloudy, Current President Art Worley said, "I think he was in and out. I think there were problems, but could offer no specifics.

r also was arrested in Oak Lawn on July 4, 1976, on a charge of battery, the village's police records show.

left the Chicago school system in 1981. A school spokesman said there was nothing in the records to show why Hacker left. The spokesman also said there was no indication that Hacker ever had any problems.

r subsequently landed a job the following September at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Evergreen Park.

did not last the school year there. A Chicago Archdiocese spokeswoman said he was dismissed in May 1982, but declined to say why.

There is no police record on the alleged incident and state authorities said they were never notified as required by state law if the allegations involved child molesting or abuse.

Settled in Burbank

k started working In 1980, Long started working part time for the Burhank Park District. He started working full time in 1982 as the recreational director, in charge of basketball programs, day camp, T-ball, softball, the "Latch-key kids" program and other programs. Former park director Ray Ochromowicz said Hacker excelled at his job.

Former Burbank Park District officials said they checked hackground with the Oak Lawn Park District but found nothing.

In an interview last month with the Southtown. 📆 said he was not asked about his criminal record when he applied at the Burbank district.

He was quite nervous during that interview and asked the newspaper not to print the fact he left because of the conviction or "I'm dead."

became a Scout leader at St. Louis De Montfort about eight years ago, Father Quinn said quit Scouting suddenly last November, professing that he was leaving because he was getting divorced and had a new job at the Burhank Park District.

Quinn said he was never told about the incident at the Oak Lawn Park District or any other allega-

Boy Scout officials at the national office said to changed his middle initial to avoid tion in a computerized "red flag system to identify undesirables. In had been placed on the red flag list after his 1970 conviction, but Oak Lawn Scout officials said his name never appeared on the list they were given.

No way to track

But the question still remains how a r was able to move from place to place and keep his record a secret. Officials said there is no mechanism to track sex offenders nationwide.

"As a general practice, communication between states on sexual offenders just doesn't happen," said Mark Cavins, deputy supervisor of the sexual prosecutions division of the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Dave Schneidman, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), said once a convicted sex offender completes his sentence, no one keeps tabs on where they go.

"They're scot-free as far as the law is concerned. A lot of people feel that is a problem; there's no way of tracking these people." SUBJECT:

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Date:

February 17, 1988

The Council, Boy Scouts of America was notified on February 2, 1988, via a memo from District Executive, that charges were pending against Chartered to registered as Chairman of Chartered to Tillinois.

(The report and The same time, council was notified via the attached memo.

We were advised that an investigation was currently being conducted by the police Department and the County States Attorney's Office of re sexual abuse charges. On Tuesday, Council was notified by the States Attorney's Office that charges would be filed and would be arrested and indicted for these charges. The news media immediately began contacting the Council for comments in relationship to the case. The key issue centered around name being placed on the Boy Scouts of America "confidential file" in 1970 or 1971 by the Council, Council, The real issue was if he was placed on the confidential file, how was he currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America. The response to all of the above questions by Director of Support Services as council spokesman, was, "I don't know."

The chartered partnership concept was discussed with the media as well as an admission that there was a confidential file since the story originated in

Contact was immediately made with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Scouting Coordinator of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and constant communication between the unit and the \_\_\_\_\_\_, Council continued through Tuesday and Wednesday, February 9 and 10. The council also notified \_\_\_\_\_\_, and Board member of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Board member of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Council, to apprise him of the situation and seek his support, which was received, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the council, and key council officers. Area Director \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was kept informed as this case continued to unfold, as well as Scout Executive \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, with the entire troop committee, where the situation was discussed as well as plans for continuation of the unit. The unit committee was extremely supportive, as were the parents. In fact, they went on a campout the weekend of February 12, and held Scout Sunday services at the church on Sunday, February 14. Further charges are pending at this time against A parents meeting will be held sometime between February 18 and the 26th; Council officials and volunteers will be in attendance.

A zone meeting for budget requests of partner United Ways was held on Saturday, February 13. The question of the investigation came up and the chartered partner concept was discussed with the United Way, as well as not believing everything you read in the media, mainly that was not a Scoutmaster.

An investigation was conducted as to how was registered with the Council. It seems that registered with no application as a multiple person in the 1984/85 charter year by saying that he was registered in another unit outside the council. That charter was forwarded to the National Office.

On Tuesday, February 16, a request was made by the Scouting Coordinator for assistance in counselling, and notification was received by the council that qualified child abuse counsellors were difficult to identify within the neighborhoods where these young people live. The Regional office was notified of the concern and responded that the Boy Scouts of America would provide counselling for the young people per National approved policy. This information was verbally passed on to the Scouting Coordinator and mailed on Friday, passed on to the Scouting Coordinator and mailed on Friday, situation. Mailing was done via the County States Attorney's office. Council also provided resources for parents to call those qualified in counselling child abuse cases (copy attached).

### MEMO

TO:

FROM:

Carried Services

DATE:

February 2, 1988

SUBJECT:

Report of Sexual Child Abuse Allegations

cc:

The following report summarizes events that have transpired over the last several months with relation to and chartered by based upon information discussed at a meeting with the coordinator of the coordinator of the coordinate o

ntil January 31, 1983, has been active with the troop for the last 3-4 years. Although was officially registered as Committee Chairman, his primary role was that of Scoutmaster. This tenure came to a sudden halt though, when tendered his resignation to the troop in October of 1987 due to "personal reasons".

A few days prior to this resignation, a troop parents' meeting was held. It was at this meeting that same parents became quite vocal with questioning what boys were accomplishing at troop meetings, campouts, and other Scouting functions. Preceded to explain and then requested more parental participation was needed for effective troop operations. It was assumed, due to the flavor of this meeting, that this was the cause which led to resign. It was confirmed by that the was planning to resign for some time now and it was just "bad timing". The meeting had no impact on the decision to leave. It should be noted that the had recently separated from his wife and divorce proceedings were taking place around the same time.

Troop operations continued to proceed under the leadership of the new Scoutmaster, a former member of committee for A Christmas party camp-out took place at a during the month of December and another weekend camp-out at in on the 15th, 16th and 17th of January. Thought resigned a month earlier, he was present for both of these camp-outs.

Park District also. The resignation cited "personal reasons", but came after a police background check had revealed a felony conviction 18 years ago. This charge was heard to be of a sex related nature. The background check came on the heels of two park field house burglaries and the theft of \$575.00.

On January 20th,

Executive Officer of the troop and

On the same date, but earlier in the evening,

with

the previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both

meetings dealt with the October's parent meeting that preceded

resignation, the rumors associated with

post, and the request that

not be allowed to attend future troop

activities. Both

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confered at work the next

day to discuss informing parents and troop leaders of this exclusion.

On Saturday, January 30th at 9:30 a.m., called to inform him and discuss that some troop parents were going to press charges against Hacker. received this information from the committee in the troop. A meeting was then scheduled and conducted at about 10:30 a.m. with the lit was decided at this meeting that troop activities would carry on as usual and that assistance would be sought from the Boy Scout organization (C.A.C.) on how to handle inquiries from parents, legal ramifications, counseling for the Scouts, etc.

Department arrived. It was at this meeting that 0 informed that an investigation was in progress regarding some St. Louis children (including troop members) and It was at this point which one Scout had apparently admitted to having oral sex performed on him by

Saturday, and we planned to meet the next day (January 31st) to discuss this in private was contacted about 1:00 p.m., shortly after hanging up with and informed of the situation as well. He stated I should document and report everything I knew as clearly and as accurately as possible. Hence, this report.

and I met Sunday, January 31st at 1:00 p.m. in a small study room in the Oak Lawn library. Typed a brief report to recap his account of this situation. We discussed various details of this report and the role of the council in this type of situation. At about 2:30 p.m., we closed and promised to maintain close contact in regards to further development.

MEMO

To:

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Members & Families

From: Date:

October 22, 1987

I am very pleased with the growth, development, leadership, is doing a "GREAT" job of leading and encouraging the younger scouts. Advancement is positive and developing from scout

Adult leadership is strong and positive. Experienced leaders are encouraging and leading the newer parents that are getting

It is really hard for me to communicate my feelings, but I must resign myself from any involvement in Troop 1600. I have just recently been promoted at my employment to a position of stronger responsibility. Also, I have some personal family situations which make it impossible for me to centinue my involvement in the troop.

Thank you, scouts, for just being the great Christian scouts you are. I am proud of you. You are a TERRIFIC group. Give your all for yourselves and your new scoutmaster. He will be a lucky man.

Thanks for all the adults who support the youth of our troop. Keep encouraging them in becoming leaders, and the enjoyment in helping others. They are where the world should be.

I will miss all of you. Just don't forget to invite me to your EAGLE Court of Honor.

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Associate Judge Richard La Cienset Hacker's bond at \$500,000. The decision brought grumbles from about 15 Scout parents in the courtroom who had applauded briefly when Semrow proposed the higher bond.

Semrow said the state's attorney's office will seek grand jury indietments that could increase the list of Hacker's alleged victims.

"I anticipate the filing of an additional 14 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse," Semrow said, "and 10 additional victims ranging in age from 10 to 14."

Cook County officials also are contacting prosecutors in nearby states and counties where

All his was arrested Wednesday and charged with six counts ef aggravated criminal sexual assault against three boys in his Scout troop between 1983 and November. The boys were 11 and 12 years old when the alleged incidents began.

Two boys allegedly were assaulted on campouts in Cook County forest preserves, said Lisa Howard, a spokeswoman for the state's attornev's office. The third allegedly was assaulted before a basketball game at Burbank's Reavis High School.

resigned from the troop last November and ouit as park district director in January amid allegations that he stole \$500 from a district safe, Howard said.

didn't admit to taking the

money but replaced it, apparently hoping that an investigation into his past would end, park district attorncy Vincent Cainkar said Thursday.

The investigation\_ultimately uncovered ackers anviction in Indiana for sexual assault against a 14-year-old boy. At the time, Hacker taught English at an Indianapolis junior high school and was a Boy Scout leader.

The investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of the Scouts began -Feb. 2. Howard sald, when parents of two Secuts came to Burbank police with suspicions that their sons had been abused.

After Treem arrest on sex charges, Indiana Scout officials promised to place name on a national list of adults unfit for

Scout positions—an act they said ensured that Hacket was "banned for life" from Scout activity.

But Scout officials in Chicago said annual computer checks of rer's name never turned up the 1970 incident.

Cainkar said park officials don't know whether is background was checked when he started working at the district. He said discherpersonnel file is missing, and offi-cials suspect removed it when he left.

In addition to the Indiana conviction, Semrow and Burbank police said at the bond hearing that was arrested in 1971 in Mt. Prospect on charges of taking indecent liberties with a childe rime received a year of court supervision, Burbank Detective Jack Touhy said.

# Ex-Boy Scout leader faces abuse charges

By Rob Karwath

A former Boy Scout leader and suburban park district director with a record for child sexual abuse in Indiana was charged Wednesday with sexually abusing three young Scouts during campouts.

The suspect, The suburban Burbank, was charged with five counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault against three Scouts aggs 11 and 12 on campouts on the grounds of Burbank's Reavis High School, said Lisa Howard, spokeswoman for Cook County State's Atty, Richard Daley.

The alleged assaults occurred between 1983 and last November, Howard said.

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also resigned on Jan. 13 as director of the Burtank Park.
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eral years, amid allegations that he had stolen park money. Howard said.

Officials of the park district and the Chicago office of the Boy Scouts of America said they were shocked to learn that pleaded guilty in 1970 to sexually abusing a 13-year-old student at the Indianapolis junior high school where he taught. The officials said they learned of the charge only after the current investigation becan.

The state's attorney's office formed a "mass molestation task force" to investigate after parents of two Scouts told Burbank police Feb. 2 they suspected that Hacker had abused their sons, Howard said.

The task force, comprised of Burbank police, Oak Lawn police, Illinois state police and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, continues to investigate charges that Hacker abused other Scouts on campouts outside Cook County.

"We have information that sev-See Scout, pg. 16

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James E. Smith, who replaced Hacker as parks director, said cofficially resigned for "personal reasons." He had worked for the district for eight years, becoming interint director last July and permanent director in October, Smith said.

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But Ken Walters, director of finance and support services in the Boy Scouts' Chicago office, said have name never was caught by the computer that annually checks the names of all adult Scout volunteers against the list.

"Obviously, he's not on that system," Walters said. "It would have come up."

Spokesman Barelay Bollas at the Boy Scouts' national headquarters in Irang, Tex., declined Wednesday to say whether Hacker's name appears on the list, saying, "We consider that list confidential."

Burnank Police Department, He is

730 West Lake Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 559-0990

February 11, 1988

We have provided the information requested by the States Attorney's office in respect to the charges against

The States Attorney's office continues to look into these charges and, accordingly, we cannot make any further statements at this time.

# k-Scout leader charged with sex abuse

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Scout volunteers against the list.
"Obviously, he's not on that sy
tem," Walters said. "It would hav

come up."

-Spokesman Barclay Bollas at th Boy Scouts' national headquarter in Irving, Tex., declined Wedner day to say whether Hacker's nam appears on the list, saying, "consider that list confidential."

was held overnight at th Burbank Police Department. He scheduled to appear at a Thursda morning bond hearing in the Chesgo Ridge branch of Circu Court, Howard said.

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February 11, 1988

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FROM:

Chicago Area Council Boy Scouts of America

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Al Bregante

DATE:

February 2, 1988 · .

SUBJECT: Report of Sexual Child Abuse Allegations 

cc:

The following report summarizes events that have transpired over the last several months with relation to Thomas J. Hacker and ... The report is based upon information discussed at a meeting with Gerald Sebastian, Scouting coordinator of and attempts to handle the subject at hand as sensitively and accurately as possible.

until January 31, 1988, has been active with the troop for the last 3-4 years. Although Mr. was officially registered as Committee Chairman, bis primary role was that of Scoutmaster. This torum came to a sudden halt his primary role was that of Scoutmaster. This tenure came to a sudden halt though, when Hacker tendered his resignation to the troop in October of 1987 due to "personal reasons."

A few days prior to this resignation, a troop parents' meeting was held. It was at this meeting that some parents became quite vocal with Mr questioning what boys were accomplishing at troops meetings, campouts, and other Scouting functions. Mr. Hacker proceeded to explain and then requested more parental participation was needed for effective troop operations. It was assumed, due to the flavor of this meeting, that this was the cause which led resign. It was confirmed by however, that Mr. s planning to resign for some time now and it was just "bad timing." The meeting had no impact on Tom's decision to leave. It should be noted that Mr. ad recently separated from his wife, and divorce proceedings were taking place around the same time.

Troop operations continued to proceed under the leadership of the new Scoutmaster, a former member of committee for A Christmas party camp-out took place at Camp Sullivan during the month of December and another weekend camp-out at Camp Rhineburg in Palatine on the 15th, 16th and 17th of January. Though Mr. esigned a month earlier, he was present for both of these camp-outs.

Mr. had recently resigned on January 13, 1988 as Director of the Burbank Park District also. The resignation cited "personal reasons," but came after a police background check had revealed a felony conviction 18 years ago. This charge was heard to be of a sex related nature. The background check came on the heels of two park field house burglaries and the theft of \$575.00.

On January 20, imet with the executive ..., On the same Officer of the troop and the evening, and also met with the previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the removes a sociated with the previously registered at preceded Mr. Hacker's resignation, the rumors associated with the social socia

On Saturday, January 30, at 9:30 a.m. called to inform his find iscuss that some troop parents were going to press charges against the complete in the troop. A meeting was then scheduled and conducted at 10:30 a.m. with at the parish home. It was decided at this meeting that troop activities would carry on as usual and that assistance would be sought from the Boy Scout organization (C.A.C.) on how to handle inquiries from parents, legal ramifications, counseling for the Stouts, etc.

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It was at this meeting that informed that an investigation Department arrived.

Was in progress regarding some St. Louis children (including troop members) and it was at this point which one Scout had apparently admitted to having oral sex performed on him by

m informed me of these events about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and we planned to meet the next day (January 31) to discuss this in private. Bob Wilborn was contacted about 1:00 p.m. shortly after hanging up with Sebastian, and informed of the situation as well. He stated I should document and report everything I knew as clerly and as accurately as possible. Hence, this report.

room in the Oak Lawn library. Jerry typed a brief report to recap his account of this situation. We discussed various details of this reort and the role of the council in this type of situation. At about 2:30 p.m. we closed and promised to maintain close contact in regards to further developments.

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# NEWS ADVISOR

Date:

February 12, 1988

Signed:

Time:

9:45 a.m.

THE FACTS:

SOURCE:

Scoutmaster of

charged with 25 counts of oral sex with minors.

Initial alert was received from Paul Ernst advising of a phone call from the Chicago TRIBUNE. Subsequent calls have been received from Chicago SUN TIMES; Arlington Heights HERALD, and the Chicago ECONOMIST newspaper chain.

ACTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Questions are being referred to the Cooke County States Attorney

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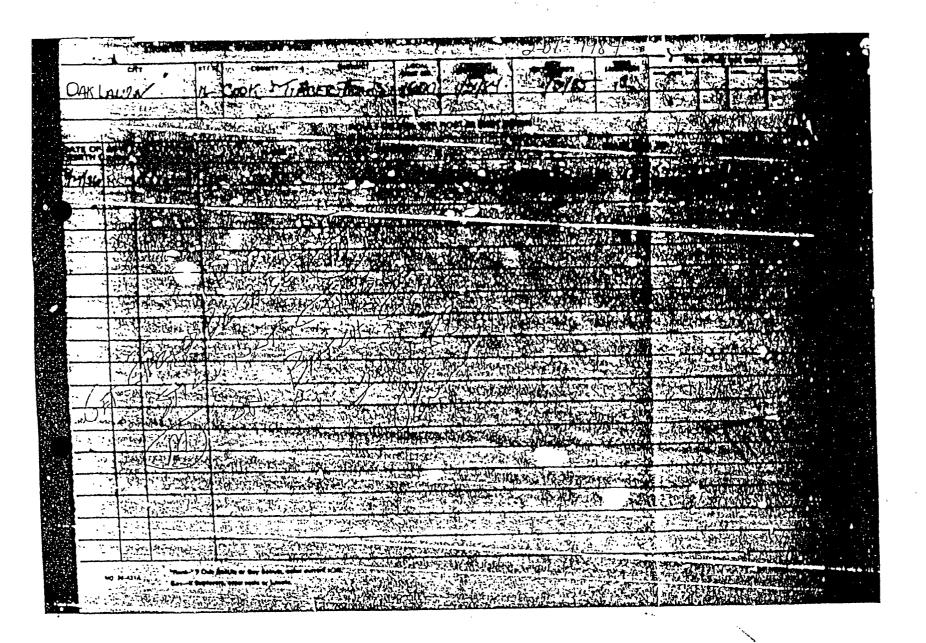
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November 2, 1971

Scout Executive Northwest Suburban Council, No. 751

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Re: T

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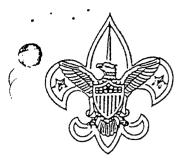
Thank you for your letter of October 27 concerning T You have uncovered the case of a furtive individual who has successfully attained registration in the Boy Scouts of America by changing his name. We have had Mr. The same reasons you presented.

Under no circumstances do we want this man registered in Scouting. We are taking steps to have his name deleted from our records and adding the additional information you sent to his file. Thank you very much for bringing this situation to our attention.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor Registration and Membership

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# NORTHWEST SUBURB COUNCIL, 751

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1622 NORTH RAND ROAD . ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60004 . (312) 394-5050

October 27, 1971

Mr. Paul I. Ernst Registration and Membership Boy Scouts of America North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Mr. 7920 Beau Drive, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, is currently registered as District Publicity Committee Chairman, and Scoutmaster of Northwest Suburban Council.

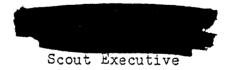
Within the last week, it has come to our attention, that Mr. as been arrested on charges of taking indecent liberties with a child. Mr. The known as Mr.

We have also been able to learn that Mr. Active in Scouting in the Central Indiana Council, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Enclosed you will find a photocopy of a local news article pertaining to the incident.

We have removed Mr. The from both Scouting capacities locally, and would appreciate any additional information or guidance that you might be able to provide.

Sincerely,



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A 35-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested this week by Mount Prospect police and charged with two counts of taking indecent liberties with a child. Police ing indecent liberties with a child. Police said. The prospect of one Reel Dr. Des shid I also known as
Thomas Edward, of \$20 Beau Dr., Des
Plaines, was arrested Monday and released on \$5,000 bond. He will appear
Tuesday in Niles Court.

Both cases involved juveniles, therefore police would reveal no further details.

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Scout Executive Central Indiana Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Randy Merritt
John C. Schafer
Thomas E. Macker

Dear Franks

Thank you for your letter of June 8 and the enclosed confidential record sheets concerning the above Scorters. We have placed this information in our file.

We would very much appreciate you writing us again when you learn the results of the trials of both Mr. Macker and Mr. Schafer. This additional information should help us in the future, should these men ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service

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March 18, 1970

Scout Executive Central Indiana Council, No. 160

TERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: John C. Schafer
Randy Merrick
Thomas E. Hacker

Dear Mr. Chase:

Thank you for your letter of February 26 and the enclosed correspondence and newspaper clipping. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have these names deleted from our records.

Although you were very thorough in submitting Messrs. Schafer, Merrick and Hacker, we would appreciate more details in the case of John C. Schafer. Would it be possible to send us a copy of his confession or, perhaps the police report? This would help to strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future application for registration we might receive from this individual.

Enclosed are three confidential record sheets which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with the above requested material. This will enable us to identify all three men, should they ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director Registration and Fulfillment Service

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February 26, 1970

Mr. Earl L. Krall, Director Registration & Fulfillment Service Boy Scouts of America New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Mr. Krall:

John C. Schafer just registered as Assistant Scoutmaster of Northeast District, on transmittal #11 dated February 5,1970.

He has been picked up by the Police Department and has signed a confession as a child molester. I would appreciate it if you would put him on the "red flag" list.

Also, I am sending you a report on Randy Merrick. This has come to a head principally because of the final report which I am sending you on Thomas E. Hacker. Randy Merrick has not been allowed to register in any unit in our council, but we are afraid he may leave this council and go somewhere else and try to register.

In addition, I would like to report on the who has really caused a storm in our council and in Indianapolis. He was registered as a Scoutmaster in the Mt. Olive Methodist Church in the West District a few years ago; we had reports there was a problem. He was removed as Scoutmaster of that troop, but we could not secure anything definite from parents or boys on which we could act. Mr. was taken to court and released because parents did not appear against him and there was lack of sufficient evidence. At the time, a prominent member of my board called me to say he knew the family, that Tom was a fine young man, and asked that he not be placed on our "red flag" list. Because of no concrete evidence, at the time, we did not do this for which I have had many hours of regret.

Also, at the time Mr was a bachelor. He moved to Charlottesville on the east edge of Hancock County, married (in fact he now has two sons), then moved back into the city in the school system on the east side, and, frankly, with over 9,000 leaders and not being close to many of them, we made the mistake of not banning Tom from leadership in our council. In 1964, he did register as an Assistant Scoutmaster in one of the finest troops on the far east side of Marion County. He served two years there, and then he dropped out or was asked to drop out. If he was asked to leave, we did

Mr. Earl L. Krall February 26, 1970

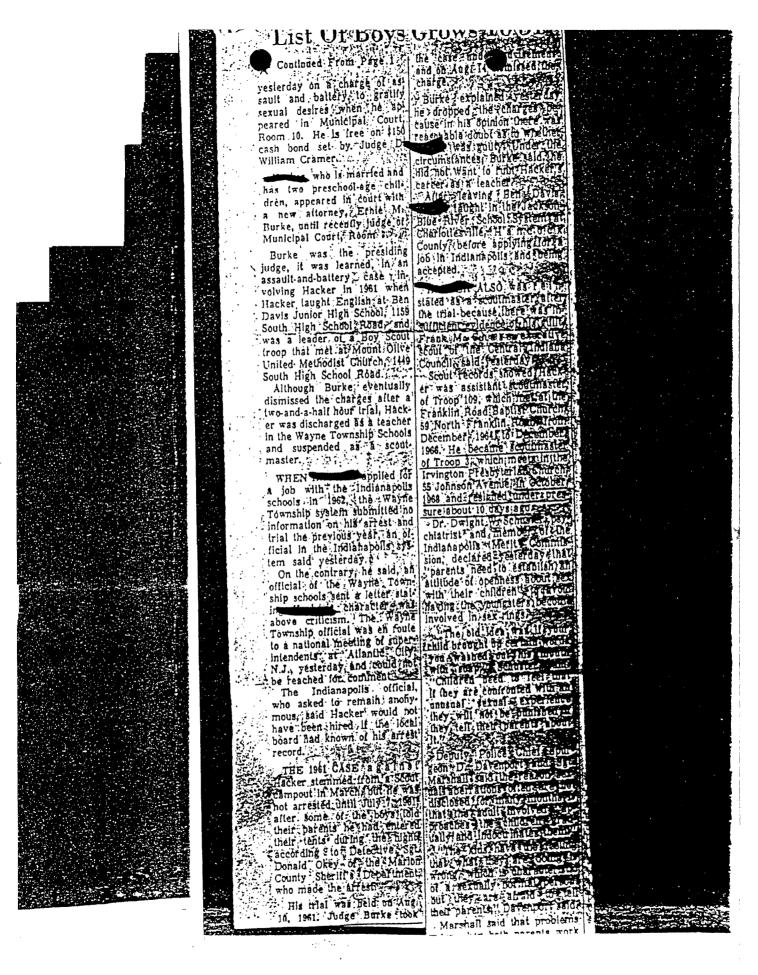
not receive any information of anything wrong at the time. In October of 1968, he registered as Scoutmaster of another troop on the far east side of Indianapolis. The District Executive became suspicious a couple of months ago, and he finally met with the Troop Committee and Mr. was asked to resign. We were placing him on our "red flag" list when everything broke. I am enclosing him on our "red flag" list when everything broke. ing two newspaper clippings which give the story. This man should not be allowed to register in the Boy Scouts of America at any time or any place.

Yours truly

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

FMC: dms

cc to Dr. Max S. Norris, Council President District Executives of Pioneer, Northeast and Great Northwest CIC Registration Department





# Boys Allegedly Molested Teacher Grows To 51 Names

Twenty-eight : names were added yesterday to the list of youngsters reportedly involved with 33-year-old schoolteacher and

Boy Scout leader charged with sexually molesting boys, police said.

This brought to 51 the number: of boys believed to have been victimized in the last

of the homicide division.

Forty-seven of the boys are pupils at School 57, 5435 East rashington Street, where taught seventh and eighth-grade English until resigning last Tuesday, Mar-

Marshall's investigation reslerday added the names of

two years, according to Detect three pupils at School 77, 600 tive Sgt. Daniel V. Marshall Eastr Pleasant Rud; Patroay, South Drive, and one publicat Thomas, Carr, Howev HISh School, 4800 Julian Avenue, Marshall fauld IX Avenue,

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