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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE May 10, 1973

FULL NAME Ralph R. Harper (Has been known to sign checks as Sonny Harper)

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)  
(In Daniel Webster Council address was

ADDRESS Box 95 Box 127, Penacook, N.H. 03301

CITY Cortaro STATE Arizona ZIP CODE 85230

AGE 39 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION ? NATIONALITY United States of America

OCCUPATION Mason

EDUCATION High school equivalent in the service

WEIGHT 150 lbs. COLOR White HEIGHT 6 ft.

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown or Black COLOR OF EYES ?

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Snowmobiling, ice fishing, gun collecting  
(May not apply in Arizona)

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN Ralph 15, Teddy 14, Jerry 13, Frank 11  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME Eleanor (Ellie)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| UNIT # | CITY     | STATE | OFFICE           | DATE REGISTERED | DATE RESIGNED |
|--------|----------|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 384    | Boscawen | N.H.  | Manchester, N.H. | 4/30/70         | 9/7/71        |

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  
Material previously submitted.

Signed *Greg J. McKeown*  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council DANIEL WEBSTER

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Office Memorandum  
Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive  
Re: Ralph R. Harper

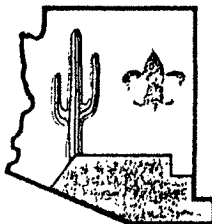
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Mr. Harper is married and resides with his wife and five sons and is employed as a brick mason.

I would appreciate it if you would check further and find out whether or not the matter has been cleared up and whether or not Mr. Harper can be registered now or in the future with the BSA.

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# Boy Scouts of America

CATALINA COUNCIL No. 11 \* AREA 4 \* WESTERN REGION #6  
350 N. CAMPBELL AVE. \* TUCSON, ARIZONA 85719 \* TEL. (602)623-6448

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive

FROM: Kenneth Holford  
District Executive

DATE: August 1, 1974

PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Ralph R. Harper  
Scoutmaster, Troop 215

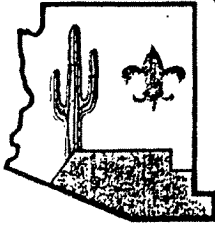
Following up Paul Ernst memo of June 5, I talked with Ralph Harper and he indicates that he realized there was a problem in the past but it has been cleared up in Superior Court and he was found not guilty. He also stated that he has a registration card expiring in January, 1975, and he has no intentions of giving it up unless the Boy Scouts of America brings charges against him. I told Mr. Harper that I personally did not know what the earlier problem was, but if he would not agree to resign as Scoutmaster, we would have to discuss it with the Department of Corrections where the unit meets and with the Desert Kiwanis Club, their sponsor. He then told me that he wanted to be very cooperative and help clear up this matter. He indicated that it was his understanding with the council back east that he could be a registered scouter with the Boy Scouts. He stated that the incident arose out of a campout where he was alone with twenty scouts. One of the scouts charged that he was "involved" with him. Mr. Harper stated that he fought the matter in Superior Court for almost one year and won the case. He stated that the legal fees were slightly over \$70,000. He states that this boy is emotionally disturbed and was under psychiatric treatment prior to the incident and is still under treatment for a problem not related to the incident. He states that he was completely exonerated by the Superior Court and the council records where it occurred indicates that he was cleared and he was told that he could reregister as Scoutmaster of that troop. He claims to have been born in the town and lived there for twenty-five years. He stated that only because of personal embarrassment to his wife, he moved west.

Through a confidential source, I had him run through the Tucson City Police files, Pima County, and Arizona State Criminal Records Section. They all came back negative with no incidents relating to Mr. Harper. There was a note in the city file where three of his sons were picked up for loitering on railroad property. The officer's report indicated that they were camping out and the railroad complained. There were no charges filed and the boys were sent home.

PARTNER MEMBER OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER TUCSON

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# Boy Scouts of America

CATALINA COUNCIL No. 11 - AREA 4 - WESTERN REGION #6  
350 N. CAMPBELL AVE. - TUCSON, ARIZONA 85719 • TEL. (602)623-6448

August 15, 1974

Paul I. Ernst  
Registration & Membership  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Enclosed is the report on the Personal Confidential Report on Scoutmaster Ralph R. Harper.

In light of this report, would you please review your information. It would be a real shame if this man were wrongly accused.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
CATALINA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Vincent N. Rock  
Director of Field Service

VNR:rs

Enclosures

*Mr. Ernst*  
*I know advised I wrote a letter to Co 11 back in 4/73 + they replied in registered. Now Co 11 is writing because we refused registration. Should we register on probation? Thank you agree. NE*

PARTNER MEMBER OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER TUCSON

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September 4, 1974

Mr. Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council, No. 11

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ralph R. Harper

Dear Mr. Claussen:

We are in receipt of a letter dated August 15, from Mr. Vincent N. Rock, Director of Field Service, with an attached confidential report on Scoutmaster Ralph R. Harper. Mr. Harper's application was returned with a credit on June 5, and he was refused registration as he is on our confidential file.

We have reviewed this case on the basis of the information provided in this report, as Mr. Rock requested. We regret to inform you that we can not accept Mr. Harper's application. When informing Mr. Harper about this, you might indicate to him that National Council reserves the prerogative to accept those individuals it feels will best serve the interests of the organization.

We are herewith again enclosing the credit notice of \$2.50. Kindly delete his name from your records.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Encl.

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June 5, 1974

Mr. Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council, No. 11

PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ralph R. Harper  
Scoutmaster, Troop 215

Dear Mr. Claussen:

You recently sent us the Scouter application for Ralph R. Harper, Miller Star Route, Box 420, Tucson, Arizona, to serve as Scoutmaster of Troop 215 in District 2. From the information you provided, it is certain that this is the same man as one we have on our Confidential File.

We are enclosing a credit notice of \$2.00. Please delete Mr. Harper's name from your records.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
Registration and Membership

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Encl: Credit Notice # 11143

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# ADULT APPLICATION

PACK NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 TROOP NO. 215 OR  COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
 POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FULLY TRAINED  
 DISTRICT NO. 2

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

NAME: R A L P H R H A R P E R 40 SM

PRINT FIRST NAME FIRST—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME, INITIAL, AND LAST NAME

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D. MILVER ST. APT. 420
 BOYS' LIFE

NEW LEADER  FORMER LEADER

CITY TUCSON STATE AZ ZIP CODE 85726 DATE 5/16/74

HOME PHONE 825 3608 PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND SM COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS Book mason SIGNATURE Ralph R Harper

REGISTRATION FEE \$ 2.00 BOYS' LIFE FEE \$ .00 TERM (MONTHS) 09 UNIT EXPIRATION DATE MONTH 01 YEAR 75

APPROVAL—SEE COVER

If you have an unexpired registration certificate from another unit or position, you may register with no fee. Check this box and attach the certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

**RALPH R HARPER**

IS REGISTERED WITH THE

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**TROOP 215**

**TUCSON AZ**

**SCOUTMASTER**

TO THE LAST DAY OF

**11-2 JAN. 1975**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND IS VOID AFTER EXPIRATION DATE. IT MUST BE SHOWN LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR WHEN PURCHASING UNIFORM

*Chief Scout Executive*  
CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

NATIONAL COPY



May 16, 1973

Mr. Arol J. Charbonneau  
Scout Executive  
Daniel Webster Council, No.330

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ralph R. Harper, Jr.(Sonny)

Dear Arol:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning Ralph Harper.  
We have added this information to our file. This will be most helpful  
for identification purposes in the future, should he again try to  
register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

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Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
Registration and Subscription

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April 23, 1973

Mr. Arol J. Charbonneau  
Scout Executive  
Daniel Webster Council, No. 330

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ralph R. Harper, Jr.

Dear Arol:

We are in receipt of a letter dated February 9, 1973, from Mr. Don G. Warner, District Scout Executive, your Council concerning Mr. Ralph Harper, Jr.. Because of the information Mr. Warner supplied along with newspaper clipping and a copy of Mr. Harper's resignation we have placed this man on our Confidential File.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This will enable us to identify Mr. Harper, should he ever again attempt to register in the scouting program. We are also contacting the Scout Executive in Council 11, where Mr. Harper is reported to be involved again in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
Registration and Subscription

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INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

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CATALINA COUNCIL B.S.A.

April 23, 1973

Mr. Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council, No.11

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ralph R. Harper, Jr. (Sonney)

Dear Paul:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Don G. Warner, District Scout Executive, Daniel Webster Council, No.330 advising that one Ralph Harper should be placed on the Confidential File. Mr. Harper had been arrested on a morals charge over a year ago while serving as Scoutmaster of troop 384 and had resigned.

We would appreciate it if you would please investigate and advise us if he is registered with your Council. Correspondence received at Daniel Webster Council a week ago indicates that he is involved again in Scouting and visited Philmont.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible with the above requested information.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
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Ralph Harper is not registered with our council and is unknown by anyone connected with our council.

Richard L. Iseminger  
Director of Field Service

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April 23, 1973

Mr. Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council, No.11

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Ralph R. Harper, Jr. (Sonney)

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Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
Registration and Subscription

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Encl.

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Number 330

DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL, INC.  
913 Elm St., Manchester, N. H. 03101  
Tel. 625-6431

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Feb. 8, 1973

Mr Michael Shine ← *(good old Dan)*  
B.S.A.  
National Office  
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Mike

Just a little over a year ago the Scoutmaster of Boscawen, N.H. got into some trouble. One of the Scouts in his troop (384) told his Parents that Ralph Harper Jr. had engaged him in an act of oral intercourse. Then the proverbial feces hit the fan. Other boys admitted the same act. I recieved confidential information from an official of the State Police that he had talked with 16 other boys involved and that without a doubt 'that Scoutmaster was guilty as hell'. I then went to Boscawen and talked to the Troop Chairman and Ast. Scoutmaster and we obtained Harper's resignation. (see enclosed copy.) I then put my chaplains' bars on and had a long talk with Harper's wife and she confided in me of past incidents which she thought nothing of at the time. She said she heard some boys say at one time 'Well It was Mr Harpers turn to get you last night. '

Well to make a long story short he was arrested, indicted, went to court and was found innocent. The Boscawen church refused to recharter the troop which we reregistered under a group of citizens. Ralph 'Sonney' Harper and his family moved to parts unknown this summer. Last week one of our district scouters recieved correspondence from him telling of his new involvements in Scouting and of his visit to Philmont. Mike, I am afraid that Harper will be getting into trouble again even though the court declared him innocent. Wes Kibby, Director of Field Services here in Daniel Webster thought you would want to know about this case and would know how to discretely handle it. Mr. Harper's address is -Box 95, Cortaro Arizona 85230..

Thanks *Dan* D.G. WARNER Dist. Exec. D.W.C.  
Member of Funds and Chests of Concord, Dover, Hanover, Keene, Laconia, Lawrence, Manchester, Nashua, Seacoast

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TROOP NO. 1 | STATUS R | CITY BOSCAWEN | STATE NH | COUNTY MERRIMACK | DISTRICT MERRIMACK | REG# 1 | CNCL# 330 | DIST# 4 | NAT# 384 | LOCAL# 384 | EXP. D. 4/30/71

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BOSCAWEN NH, 03301 108 MONTHS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION OR GROUP OF CITIZENS UNIT TENURE

MR JAMES LEBRUN, RFD 5, PENACOOK NH, 03301 COMPLETED

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE SCOUTMASTER TRAINED

| NAME   | ADDRESS            | CITY                | STATE         | ZIP CODE         | TEL.# BUS OR HOME                | AGE | BOYS LIFE | STATUS | POS.                 |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----------|--------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| JAMES A LEBRUN   | RFD 5              | PENACOOK            | NH            | 03301            | H 7962327                        |     |           | R      | TR                   |  |  |  |  |
| RICHARD W FAREY  | RFD 5              | BOSCAWEN            | NH            | 03301            | H 7962021                        |     |           | R      | CC                   |  |  |  |  |
| JAMES A LEBRUN   | RFD 5              | PENACOOK            | NH            | 03301            | H 7960736                        |     |           | M      | MC                   |  |  |  |  |
| CLAYTON LONGVER  | 40 OAK ST          | PENACOOK            | NH            | 03301            | H 7524149                        |     |           | R      | MC                   |  |  |  |  |
| <del>WALTER HARPER</del>   | <del>BOX 127</del> | <del>PENACOOK</del> | <del>NH</del> | <del>03301</del> | <del>H 7963424</del>             |     | X         | R      | SM                   |  |  |  |  |
| EDGAR A BRUGHTON   | RFD 7              | PENACOOK            | NH            | 03301            | H <del>7962311</del><br>796-2311 |     |           | R      | (formerly SA now SM) |  |  |  |  |
| MICHAEL R YOUNG  | BOX 2              | PENACOOK            | NH            | 03301            | H 7966191                        |     |           | R      | SA                   |  |  |  |  |
| <p>EDGAR A BRUGHTON, JR., RFD 7, PENACOOK, N.H. 03301 TEL. 796-2311</p> <p>BRUGHTON - 796-2111</p> |                    |                     |               |                  |                                  |     |           |        |                      |  |  |  |  |
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Harper 4-384  
Box 127  
Penacook, N.H. 03301

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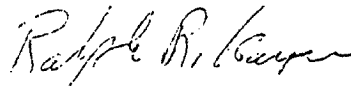
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BOY SCOUTS, TROOP #384  
TROOP COMMITTEE  
BOSCAWEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301

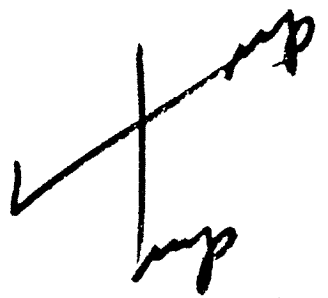
ATTENTION RICHARD HARDY, CHAIRMAN:

HENCEFORTH, WITH REGRET, I AM SUBMITTING MY RESIGNATION AS  
SCOUTMASTER OF TROOP 384 AS OF THE ABOVE DATE.

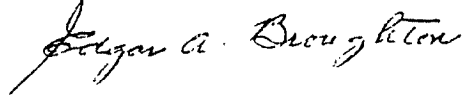
YOURS TRULY,



RALPH R. HARPER



WITNESS:



# Man Faces Court On Morals Count

FRANKLIN — A Boscawen man waived probable cause hearing in Franklin District Court this week on a charge of performing unnatural and scivious acts with an 11-year-old boy on Aug. 30.

Appearing be Judge Robert T. Hoyt, Ralph R. Harper, 37, pleaded innocent. Bail of \$1,000 was posted, pending his appearance in Merrimack County Superior Court.

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# Court Hears Pleas, Appeal Cases

pointing a revolver at a 14-year-old girl, putting her in fear of her life, with the intent to commit rape.

Irving A. Maxwell of Henniker, indicted for the statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl, pleaded innocent. His case was continued for trial.

Stephen Ludwick of West Henniker, also named in a statutory rape indictment, pleaded innocent. His case was continued for trial.

to a July 27 burglary at the Plausawa Country Club in Pembroke. The cases were continued. The burglary netted thieves \$150 worth of liquor and beer and \$40 in cash.

Noel also pleaded innocent to larceny of a \$1,000 motorcycle belonging to Alan Wright of Pembroke.

Grandmont was indicted for a May 3 burglary at the home of Wayne Graffam of Epsom in which a 16-gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber pistol and a .32 caliber automatic pistol, all valued at \$280, were taken; and concealing a stolen motorcycle.

Joseph F. Hickey, 31, of West Franklin pleaded innocent to a charge of incest. His case was continued for trial and bail remained at \$3,000.

Richard L. Spooner, 19, of Penacook pleaded innocent to a charge of false pretenses and his case was continued. Spooner was indicted for cashing a check drawn from the Concord National Bank July 7 for \$35, knowing the check was not good.

Ralph R. Harper, 38, of Boscawen pleaded innocent to an indictment for committing unnatural and lascivious acts with a 16-year-old male Aug. 30. Bail remained at \$1,000.

RALPH HARPER

BOX 75

CORTARO ARIZONA 85230





FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

JUNCTION US 3 AND 4  
BOSCAWEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301

REV. MARK H. SCHIPUL

(603) 796-2565

March 20, 1972

Dear Mr. Warner;

On March 19, 1972, the Diaconate and Religious Education Committee met to decide on the renewing of the Boy Scout Charter. It was voted that the Boscawen Congregational Church no longer wished to sponsor Boy Scout Troop No. 384.

Sincerely yours,

Warren Kingsbury  
Head Deacon

WK/ar  
Copies to:  
Edgar Broughton  
Paul Lyons  
Herbert Hucksins

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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

*1/200 2/11/74 [unclear] 1/10*

June 5, 1974

Mr. Paul D. Claussen  
Scout Executive  
Catalina Council, No. 11

✓ PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Ralph R. Harper  
Scoutmaster, Troop 215

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Sincerely,

*SR No*

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Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
Registration and Membership

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Encl: Credit Notice # 11143

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Number 330

DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL, INC.  
913 Elm St., Manchester, N. H. 03101  
Tel. 625-6431

March 22, 1972

First Congregational Church  
of Boscaawen  
Warren Kingsbury  
Head Deacon

Dear Mr Kingsbury

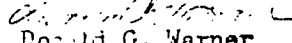
It is with much regret that I read and accept your letter of March 20th.

I was optimistic that a solution to the problems, of which I am aware and sympathetic to, could be solved.

I do however have a challenge to make to the Diaconate and Religious Education Committee, as I know you are still interested in a program for youth that stands for Character building, citizenship training, physical fitness and religious development that Scouting promotes. According to this years school census there are 106

Boscaawen boys of Scouting Age. Troop 384 will be rechartering under new sponsorship serving about 30 boys. This leaves 70 Boscaawen boys that are not getting the Scouting Program. At the present rapid growth of Boscaawen and its influx of young families, two troops are needed to make Scouting available to those boys that want to belong.

I would be happy to talk to your committees about a new troop under YOUR leadership meeting in YOUR facilities.

Yours for Scouting  
  
Donald G. Warner  
District Scout Executive

Member of Funds and Chests of Concord, Dover, Hanover, Keene, Laconia, Lawrence, Manchester, Nashua, Seacoast

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