

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE 1967

Full Name John A. Mero Jr.
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address Box 207 - RD# 1 Van Buren Rd - Warren, NY 13164

City _____ State _____

Age 23 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Catholic Nationality American

Occupation Draftsman - heating & Air Conditioning

Education _____

Weight 140 Color White Height 5' 8"

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
<u>Tx 21</u>	<u>Syracuse</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>S.M.</u>	<u>Oct 66</u>	<u>To Apr 67</u>

Special recognition - wears glasses, - avid gun collector & Hunter

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

See previous correspondence and letters from Scout Parents

Signed James A. Early
Scout Executive

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June 12, 1967

Mr. James A. Earley
Scout Executive
Onondaga Council, No. 390

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your recent confidential record sheet concerning John A. Mero, Jr., former Scoutmaster of Troop 21 in Syracuse. We have placed this information in our files.

This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Mero should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely yours,

PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

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May 10, 1967

Mr. James A. Barley
Scout Executive
Onondaga Council, No. 390

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: John A. Mero, Jr.

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of May 2 with the enclosed statements from parents concerning John A. Mero, formerly registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 21. We have placed this information in our files.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Mero should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

In checking the latest re-registration of Troop 21, although we find that Mr. Mero is not re-registering, we do find that he is listed on the back of the unit as the unit leader who is to receive the complimentary subscription of Boys' Life. We are sure that this must be a clerical oversight and suggest that you write our Subscription Service immediately regarding cancelling his subscription. The current leader registering in Troop 21, expiration of March 1968, is listed as Jack L. Yuddell, 395 DeForest Road, Dixitt, New York 13214. We are sure you will want to correct your records accordingly.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

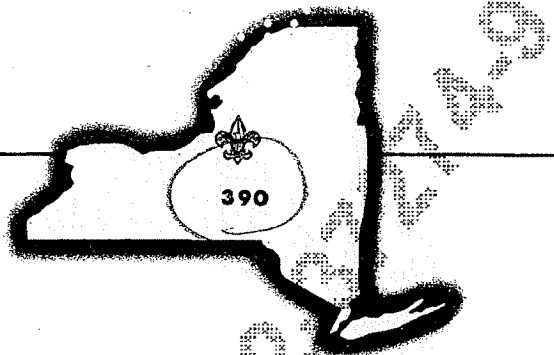
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May 2, 1967

Director of Registration
National Council, Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Sir:

Effective immediately we request John A. Mero, Jr., Box 207, Van Buren Road, Warners, New York 13164 be placed on the confidential list.

This man was registered as Scoutmaster, Troop 21 of this Council. Our records indicate his first registration was with Troop 60 on November 11, 1966. We understand he had been registered in other Councils and has had a lengthy Scouting background.

This recommendation is being made because of written statements from parents in which Mr. Mero is accused of abnormal sexual activities.

Enclosed are copies of letters provided by parents.

Very sincerely,

James A. Earley
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Scout Executive

JAE:rrm

SERVING THE BOYS OF ONONDAGA COUNTY
PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF UNITED COMMUNITY CHEST AND COUNCIL OF ONONDAGA COUNTY, INC.



Home address:
121 Circle Rd., Syracuse, N.Y.

May 1, 1967

Dear Mr. Pannell,

Briefly, I would call to your attention several instances recited to me by my son [REDACTED] relating to conduct of his scoutmaster of Troop 21.

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On a fall overnite camping trip he and another scout were confined to a small shack and requested to take their pants off by the scoutmaster...after waiting for "punishment" the boys were told that would be all, and to put their pants on again.

A few weekends ago on a camping trip the boys constructed a monkey bridge across a small creek. My son was asked to disrobe and cross the stream after the bridge was taken down. In his mind he questioned the scoutmaster's order, because he could have waded across a short way upstream.

On this same camping trip my son reported that another scout ** was taken out in the woods by the scoutmaster and "taught the facts of sex".

to my son
Another scout *** related in detail the sexual advances made to him by the scoutmaster at or near the home where the scoutmaster boarded in Warners N.Y. The occasion was on a Saturday last fall when instead of helping him with mapping in the cemetery a few blocks from the scout's Syracuse home, he drove him out to Warner's.

The scoutmaster has repeatedly invited my son to come out to his house and get help with his merit badges. The most recent was this past Saturday morning. It was such suspicions born of these invitations that we as parents have harbored for some months. After the Christmas holidays I called the Rector of the church sponsoring the troop about my and another neighbor's suspicions, I asked for a report back, but never received one.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

* [REDACTED]
** [REDACTED]
*** [REDACTED]
neighbor [REDACTED]

STEWART H. JOHNSON, 107 JAMES ST. SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, 13202 PHONE 471-8126

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118 CIRCLE ROAD
SYRACUSE, N. Y. 13210

April 27, 1967

Dear Mr. Pannell,

Mr. [REDACTED] and I feel that Boy Scout Troop #21 should be disbanded at this time. The support of the parents and the church has been minimal. Most of the burden has fallen on one adult and Mr. Jack Murrell, whose services were enlisted through your office.

Last winter, Mr. [REDACTED] and I had serious doubt as to the moral character of Mr. Murrell. We spoke to some of the interested members of the church and committee, who assured us that we were in error. Some of the other parents shared our feelings. We felt that if a shadow of a doubt existed, and, as the troop was not getting much active support from the parents or the church, that it should be dissolved. This was not done in an effort to give it "one more try." Our son was made Senior Patrol Leader. He took the job very seriously, and to push for dissolution met with violent resistance at home.

Events drifted along until recently.

Our son has told us that he has not been involved in anything improper with Mr. Murrell, but that he has heard that others have been involved. To quote, "Jack is a good guy, I did not see anything." "I have heard that he has done things he should not have done."

This is about as close to a condemnation as one can get from a 13 year old, when he thinks the principal is a "good guy."

There is no question that the troop should be dissolved in view of the lack of interest on the part of the parents and the sponsoring agent, namely the church. I am sure your office will see that Mr. Murrell is excluded from any future activities with scouting if the child's inferences are substantiated.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE | 417 SLOCUM HALL | SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13210

Mr. Glenn Pannell
Onondaga Council
Boy Scouts of America
107 James Street
Syracuse, New York

Personal and Confidential

Dear Mr. Pannell:

This is to confirm statements made by telephone to you on April 25th to wit:

On a scout overnight hike of Troop 21 on the weekend of April 21 to 23, reported by my son [REDACTED] the Scoutmaster John Mural isolated him from the others in the group and initiated and engaged in improper sexual activity with him.

According to reports by my son [REDACTED] Mural also engaged in highly questionable practices with other boys on the hike, notably requiring them to take down their pants for spankings administered privately.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

127 Circle Rd
Syracuse, N.Y.

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APPLICATION FOR ADULT REGISTRATION

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT PERSONALLY BY EACH ADULT WHO IS NOT LISTED ON THE UNIT CHARTER APPLICATION OR COUNCIL ROSTER AND WHO:

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| | STATUS | |
| 1. Registers for the first time, regardless of position. | (New) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Has been separated and is reregistering. | (Sep.-Re.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is now registered in this council, separating from current position and transferring to new position. Please submit Separation Notice (No. 6108) for position individual is leaving. | (Transfer) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is now registered in another council. | (Transfer) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
BOYS' LIFE <input type="checkbox"/> Check box at right for subscription to <i>Boys' Life</i> magazine. Half-price membership rate to registered Scouters is \$1.50 a year or 12½ cents a month. See reverse side.			
REGION NO. 2	COUNCIL NO. 390	DISTRICT NO. 5	Troop (Type of unit) 21 NATIONAL NO.
Note to Den Mother: Where both husband and wife are registered, both receive <i>Scouting</i> magazine. If you would rather that we leave your name off the mailing list, please check box at right. The registration fee is the same in either case. <input type="checkbox"/>			

Name JAMES A MERO JR ✓
(Please print or type full name)

Street or R.F.D. address Room 641, 340 MONTGOMERY ST Business phone GR 5 9975
Home phone _____

City SYRACUSE NY State NEW YORK ZIP code _____

To serve as SCOUT MASTER
(Position in unit or council)

For unit Scouters only: Troop 21 Syracuse N.Y.
(Type of unit) (Local No.) City and State

From Aug 31, 66 to Sept 66 to 3/67
(Registration date) (Expiration date of unit or council)

Council name ONONDAGA District name ALMESTONE

Age 22 U.S. citizen: Yes No OR Declaration of Intention Yes No Sex MALE

Occupation DESIGNER Marital status _____

Have you been registered in Scouting in any adult capacity? Yes No Give position READY FOR PROMOTION SCOUTMASTER

Give dates, duration, location CANTON NY NOV 29 1966

Do you have an unexpired registration card? Yes No Where paid? _____
(Council) F. CUMMINGS (Unit No.) _____

Religious preference (See other side, Article IV) CATHOLIC

I hereby make application for registration with the Boy Scouts of America and subscribe to its Scout Oath and Scout Law and its declaration of religious principle as stated on reverse side of sheet. I agree, if a registration certificate is granted, to be guided by the Constitution and Bylaws of both the National Council and local councils and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by them.

I transmit herewith: \$1 membership fee for 1 year (or a pro rata fee), half of which is to cover subscription to *Scouting* magazine for the period of my membership. For subscription to *Boys' Life*, add \$1.50 or pro-rata amount.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT James A. Mero Jr DATE Aug 31, 66

APPROVED BY Walter G. Jew TITLE Chairman Troop Committee
(See "Approval" on other side.)

LOCAL COUNCIL APPROVAL

We hereby approve this person and recommend certificate be issued.

Date 11-11-66 Signed J. Gressman
(Scout Executive)

Check Adult Registration Fee Paid

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D. WILLS NOV 18 1966

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Home phone _____

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City and State Syracuse N.Y.

From Aug 31, 66 (Registration date) Sept 66 (Expiration date of unit or council) 3/67

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