

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

DATE January 23, 1968

Full Name WITHROW, SAMUEL JOSEPH  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 2477 Whitewood Drive

City Santa Rosa State California

Age 38 (DOB 3/4/30) (This is important and should be exact)

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Baptist Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Former Professional Scouter; Trainee Comptroller, Interoast Insurance Co.  
1959-10/64 4/67-7/67

Education Grad. High School 1948 in Florida

Weight 155 Color White Height 6'2"

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

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single Married Children 4: ages 10 yrs. to 3 months  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name Mary Jane Rollyson

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
6/59 to 10/64			District Scout Executive		

Sonoma-Mendocino Area Council #41, Petaluma, Calif.

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:  
Charged on June 21, 1967 with unnatural sex acts with 15 year old boy.



Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Scout Executive

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April 25, 1988

Mr. Richard Breithaupt, Jr.  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Walika, Inc.  
15233 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 410  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Dear Rick:

We researched information on Mr. Sam Withrow at your request.

He resigned as a District Executive in Petaluma, California on 10/25/64.  
Under the conditions that this individual left Boy Scouts of America we would  
suggest that no attempt for further contact be made.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego next month.

Sincerely,

Jackson L. Grady  
National Director of Personnel

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April 18, 1988

Mr. Richard Breithaupt, Jr.  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Walika, Inc.  
15233 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 410  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Dear Mr. Breithaupt:

Your letter of April 11, 1988 to Mr. Grady was received today.

Mr. Grady is out in the field this week and will return April 25, at which time he will correspond to your letter.

Sincerely,

Sue Willis  
Personnel Group Secretary

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April 11, 1988

Mr. Jackson Grady  
Director, Personnel Division  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Jack:

I was wondering if you could help me in locating Mr. Sam Withrow, who served as a professional Scouter in the 1960's and perhaps still is a professional. He served in the Sacramento area, Golden Empire Council, in the early 1960's.

We are trying to do a little research and his name came up. An address and/or telephone number would be appreciated.

See you in San Diego.

Kindest Personal Regards,

*Rich*  
Richard Breithaupt, Jr.

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*DE - Petaluma, CA  
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January 23, 1968

Mr. Harold J. Alexander  
Scout Executive  
Sonoma-Mendocino Area Council, No. 41

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Harold:

Thank you very much indeed for the information concerning Samuel Withrow. It certainly is disheartening to see how a person can go downhill.

The material you have presented is irrefutable and sufficiently specific that we need no further information. Thank you for sending it to us.

Although obviously you could not have advised us earlier since, as you state you only learned about this situation recently, you will be interested to learn how important timing can sometimes be.

Merle Krulish wrote us on December 15 from Sacramento indicating that Sam had been spending a lot of time with several young men in the Order of Arrow and that they had received some complaints about his actions and wondered if we had any information we could share with him. At that time, we had only the information that he had been asked to resign from his position with you in October 1964 for financial reasons and that we knew of no reasons why we would not be willing to accept his registration as a volunteer. We did indicate that if they had any information we would appreciate their sharing it with us. I will today write Sacramento correcting my earlier clearance.

Much appreciation, even though I know you too must feel badly over these developments concerning Sam. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

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January 23, 1968

Mr. Merle J. Krulish  
Scout Executive  
Golden Empire Council, No. 47

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Samuel J. Withrow

Dear Merle:

On December 15 you wrote us a letter of inquiry concerning Sam Withrow and I replied on January 5 indicating his resignation from professional Scouting to be caused by financial difficulties, but we knew of nothing else and so we would be willing to accept his registration. I did ask that if you knew of anything, we would appreciate your sharing it with us.

Today's mail has brought us some information of such importance that I hasten to write this letter to you. It surely points out the importance of timing in providing us with information and had we known about this just two weeks ago, we could have given you a different answer to your original inquiry. I hope that things have not gone too far with Sam's activities and possible registration in your Council. If they have, you surely will have to take corrective action and if they have not progressed too far, you will be alerted to stop any future developments.

Sam Withrow was charged on June 21, 1967 with unnatural sex acts with a 15 year old [redacted] of a [redacted] of his. These molestations occurred for approximately a nine-month period and consisted of mutual acts of sodomy, plus other related sex deviations. A formal complaint was filed on July 13, 1967; he was arrested on July 14 and pleaded guilty on July 18 and as of the date of his hearing on September 15, he was on liberty on bail bond. What has happened since September 15 I do not now know, but there is no question but what our information is of sufficient authenticity that we will, of course, be completely unwilling to accept Sam Withrow's registration in the Boy Scouts of America.

I trust you will take appropriate action and I am sorry that I could not have provided you with this information earlier.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

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# Sonoma-Mendocino Area Council



# BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

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840 WESTERN AVE. P. O. Box 839  
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PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA 94952

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January 19, 1968

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Howard:

I am enclosing complete information secured from the District Attorney of Sonoma County, which I am sure is self-explanatory. Also, I am enclosing copy of a letter I sent to Sam by registered mail regarding the problem.

I did not know this situation until recently, when someone mentioned that he thought Sam had been in trouble, at which time I asked my good friend, Ken Hyland, the District Attorney, for information, which was forthcoming. Fortunately for the Scouting Movement the general public are not aware of what Withrow had done.

As you know, Sam did work for me for a period of time, but I was forced to dismiss him some time ago because of his general attitude toward people.

If there is any further information you need, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Harold J. Alexander  
Scout Executive

HJA:h  
Encls.

HEARING DATE: September 15, 1967

In the Superior Court of the State of California  
In and for the County of Sonoma

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)

Plaintiff,)

Probation File No. 28984

Court No. 52444C

vs. )

PROBATION OFFICER'S  
SOCIAL HISTORY REPORT

SAMUEL J. WITHROW,

Defendant,)

By: Chester C. Tolmie  
Deputy Probation Officer

AGE AND BIRTHDATE: 37 years; date of birth March 4, 1930.

OFFENSE: Violation of Section 647A-1 of the Penal Code.

COMPLAINT FILED: July 13, 1967.

ARREST DATE: July 14, 1967 by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office.

PLEA: The defendant pleaded guilty on July 18, 1967.

ATTORNEY: Public Defender.

CUSTODIAL STATUS: The defendant is presently at liberty on  
bail bond.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF PRESENT OFFENSE:

On June 21, 1967 Mr. [REDACTED], 2451 Whitewood Drive, Santa Rosa, brought his 15 year old foster son to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and complained that this 15 year old victim had been engaged in unnatural sex acts with the defendant, a neighbor.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had introduced the victim to the defendant and they became friendly. On June 15, 1967 the victim finally told Mr. [REDACTED] that the defendant had been molesting him for approximately nine months, and these molestations took place in Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Southern California and Sacramento.

The victim stated to Inspector Waldron that these acts

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1 to the victim there were between six and eight different  
2 occasions when these acts occurred.

3 DEFENDANT'S VERSION:

4 The defendant, when interviewed by this Probation  
5 Officer, did not deny his involvement. He did quarrel with  
6 some of the dates and places that these acts occurred, but  
7 in essence did agree with the validity of the charges.

8 The defendant stated that the victim was a willing  
9 partner in these acts, and no force or coercion was used.

10 The defendant states he has a real problem and is  
11 requesting some sort of help.

12 SOCIAL HISTORY:

13 Samuel Joseph Withrow was born March 4, 1930 in  
14 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma so is now 37 years of age.

15 The defendant's father, John Withrow, has been  
16 deceased since July 1966 and his mother, Eva Withrow, has been  
17 deceased since 1954.

18 The defendant graduated from high school in Florida  
19 in 1948 and says he has one year of schooling at the Empire  
20 Business College in Santa Rosa.

21 The defendant has been in Sonoma County and California  
22 for the past ten years.

23 In Arlington, Virginia on April 10, 1955 the defendant  
24 married the former Mary Jane Rollyson. This couple has four  
25 children, ranging in ages from 10 years to 3 months, and the  
26 family resides at 2477 Whitewood Drive, Santa Rosa.

27 From April 1967 to July 10, 1967 the defendant  
28 was employed by the Intercoast National Life Insurance Company  
29 as a Trainee Comptroller earning \$400.00 per month.

During the preceding year the defendant was a

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1 the auspices of the State Unemployment Program.

2 For 5½ years prior to that the defendant was employed  
3 as a District Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America in  
4 the Sonoma-Mendocino area.

5 The defendant's wife has been employed as a librarian  
6 at Sonoma State Hospital for the past four years.

7 PRIOR ARREST RECORD: FBI# 106 588 G

8 7-27-49 PD Jacksonville, DC (Prowling) 30 days City  
9 Florida Farm

10 Respectfully submitted,

11 WILLIAM MULLIGAN  
12 Chief Probation Officer

13 By \_\_\_\_\_  
14 CHESTER C. TOLMIE  
15 Deputy Probation Officer

16 DATED: August 25, 1967

17 APPROVED:

18 \_\_\_\_\_  
19 Supervisor

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22 I have read and considered the foregoing report.

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 Judge

25 \_\_\_\_\_  
26 Date

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IN THE  
Municipal Court Central Judicial District  
County of Sonoma, State of California

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
vs.  
SAMUEL J. WITHEROW,  
Plaintiff  
Defendant

Probation File No. 28624  
Court No. 26206  
Order for Probation  
Via. Sec. 647a(1) P.C.

The defendant above named, guilty to the offense herein and having applied to the Court to be admitted to probation;

And the Court having confidence in the ability of the defendant to refrain from crime and lead an honorable life and feeling assured that the defendant will faithfully keep promises made in open Court and strictly live up to the terms of probation:

It is hereby ordered that imposition of Judgment herein be suspended for a period of two (2) years or until further order of this Court, and the defendant be released upon probation under the expressed conditions herein stated:

1. You shall immediately upon release from custody report in person to the Probation Officer of the County of Sonoma, and furnish said officer with such information regarding yourself as may be requested, including place of residence, exact Post Office address and contemplated or actual place of employment.
2. You shall not change place of residence without the written consent of the Probation Officer. Should you at any time change place of employment or Post Office address you must upon the same day furnish such Probation Officer with your new address or the location of the new place of employment.
3. You shall, while under Probation, remain in the custody of the Probation Officer and whenever notified so to do must report in person to the Probation Officer or to this Court at such time and place as may be designated in said notice. A written report mailed at least five days prior to the time you are to so appear addressed to you at the last Post Office address furnished by you shall be a sufficient notice hereunder.
4. You shall diligently seek employment, accept the first honorable employment offered and as far as possible remain employed during the term of probation.
5. You shall in all respects conduct yourself honestly, avoid all evil associations, obey the law and abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, or opium in any form, or cocaine or other noxious drugs, except upon the prescription and a certificate from a physician.
6. You shall report to the Probation Officer as follows: Monthly, in writing, on forms provided by the Probation Officer.
7. You shall, as a condition of probation, serve six (6) months in the Sonoma County Jail, said jail time suspended.
8. You shall seek psychiatric treatment as recommended by the Sonoma County Probation Officer.
9. You shall register pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code.

January 5, 1968

Mr. Merle J. Krulish  
Scout Executive  
Golden Empire Council, No. 47

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Merle:

Thank you for your letter of December 15 concerning former professional Sam Withrow.

Mr. Withrow had a fine record as District Scout Executive in the Sonoma-Mendocino Council, Petaluma, California, until financial difficulties arose of such a serious nature that he resigned from his position in October 1964. Withrow is not on the Confidential File and at this time we feel there is no reason to put him on, however, if you have some information which we should be aware of, we would very much appreciate your sharing this with us.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL & TRAINING DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

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*Handwritten signature*

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2562 PORTOLA WAY • SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95818 • 456-4793

December 15, 1967

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Howard:

A Sam Withrow, who is a former professional has been spending a lot of time with several young men in the Order of Arrow. We have had some complaints regarding some of his actions and wonder if you could let us know the circumstances under which he left Scouting.

Withrow was with the Sonoma-Mendocino Council, #41 in the late 50's or early 60's and still lives in Santa Rosa. Is he in our confidential file?

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

*Merle*  
MERLE J. KRULISH  
Scout Executive

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**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RECORD**  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA • PERSONNEL DIVISION**  
 New Brunswick, New Jersey

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ETHNICITY
SAMUEL J. WITHROW	B.S.A.	PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA		
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	
March 4, 1930	Oklahoma City, Okla.	6' 2"	155	
MARITAL STATUS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	MILITARY STATUS		
Married	One			
HEALTH	PHYSICAL DEFECTS	RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE		
Good	None	Protestant		

Church and civic activities; hobbies; special interests

**EDUCATION**

	Years Attended	Graduate	Year	NAME OF SCHOOL
College				
Technical training				
Graduate work or special training				
Completed in	Degrees received		Honors	
Professional Training Progress: National Training School	215th	Basic	Intermediate	Fellowship

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND MILITARY SERVICE**

EMPLOYMENT FIELD	Type of Position Held—Clerical, Administrative, Selling, etc.	EMPLOYED	
		From	To
U. S. Navy	Aviation Machinist Mate 2/Cl.	7/48	12/55
Airline	Traffic Rep.	4/56	5/56
Gas & Electric Co.	Clerk	8/56	5/59

**RECORD IN SCOUTING**

SCOUT EXPERIENCE	YRS.	RANK	EXPERIENCE AS A VOLUNTEER LEADER			
			COUNCIL	POSITION	FROM	TO
Boy Scouting						
Boy Scouting	Eagle/Bronze Palm		Jacksonville, Fla.	ASM	1948	1949
Exploring			So. Fla. Council	ASM	9/50	1/51
Unit offices held						

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

LOCATION	POSITION	SALARY	FROM	TO
Petaluma, California	ADSE	\$4000	6/59	7/59
"	DSE	\$4000-5100	7/59	1/63
"	"	\$5400	1/63	

This record is being submitted for consideration in filling your vacancy. The individual involved does not know that his record is being used. He may or may not be interested. If any additional information is desired, it may be secured by writing the Personnel Division.

All contacts with potential candidates must be made through the regional offices involved and the Personnel Division.

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