

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

DATE February 8, 1961

Full Name Thouin, Robert H.  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Bridgeport State Connecticut

Age 35 (This is important and should be exact)

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

Religion Protestant Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation District Scout Executive

Education College Graduate

Weight 208 Color W Height 5'5 3/4"

Color of hair Dark Color of eyes Dark

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

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

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
F.S.E.	Bridgeport	Connecticut		11/53	1/56
D.S.E.	"	"		1/56	1/61
Special recognition	*	Eagle			

File for following reasons:



Signed E. G. Warner  
Scout Executive

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April 6, 1961

Mrs. Hector Thoin  
42 Elm Terrace  
Manchester, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Thoin:

We regret very much that you have had this experience concerning your son Robert. We have the report from the local and regional offices, and a copy of the daily newspaper of January 23 which gives the story. We extremely regret this happening, but since it was handled in the local courts, there just isn't anything we can do about it.

Sincerely yours,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Harold F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

BFG:mlh

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a letter which Robert had to sign. Several weeks later Robert who had been ill from shock told me he never would have signed these had he been in his right mind. he didn't even remember the contents of the letter. It took some time to finally get to start Robert at the Springfield Clinic after preliminaries etc. Mr. Clark a psychiatric doctor told Robert he was not guilty. It was Mr. Warner who had not done his duty. Robert was in such

Northampton Mass

Boy Scouts of America

Dear Sirs or to Whom it may concern —

In Jan 22 '61 I had a phone call from Chief Executive G.E. Warner of Northampton to produce \$500.00 bail as my son Asst Ex Robert Thovine had been arrested while camping overnight with Troop 114 of Northampton. Next day he was charged with felony in the

Hampshire County Court in Northampton  
After I had Robert out on bail from State  
Police Barracks. Mr Warner informed  
me he didn't want to help Robert as  
he was afraid to lose his job with the  
B.S.A. A friend of his Lawyer Morse had  
been brought to jail to see Robert the  
Scott lawyer Oscar Grife who is  
also District Atty here was there he  
would not listen to Robert's story telling  
Robert. He couldn't as he would be on the  
opposite side if a case was made  
of this. After Robert arrived home I wanted  
to call a doctor for him Mr Warner who  
was here said it was not necessary  
that Robert should eat he had not eaten  
all that day and should go at once to  
see Lawyer Morse. Then the Methodist  
minister was sent here and he promised  
to appear in court on the next day which  
he did but Mr Warner did not. On  
Tuesday Mr Warner came here with  
an already typed resignation and

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How soon this happened we  
were all there and Robert wasn't  
doing anything we were all in  
sleeping bags trying to get some sleep  
and when the police came we  
told the truth and then little bit  
got away with his story. It was  
almost 2 months till Robert  
could tell this story then he told  
it to a N.Y. State Police official  
and myself. I'm sure Robert  
wants nothing from Scouts but  
I feel these charges should be  
looked into and Robert shouldn't  
have to keep running all his life  
because of this. Most sincerely

Robert's mother Mrs. Hector Thoin

a poor condition he remembered  
nothing and as Mr Warner  
had told him never to phone  
or speak to him again it made  
matters worse. Before a month  
was up I asked Robert about  
his insurance and we phoned  
the Metropolitan Agent here where  
he came and investigated he  
found nothing had been done  
at the Scout Office even Robert's  
Private insurance book had to  
be produced and Robert finally  
was able to save his insurance.  
Also Robert had to make a phone

Call at the Scout Offices in New Jersey  
to get some action on collecting his  
pension This was on Feb 24 more than  
a month after all this happened.

Robert went to look for work and for  
some time nothing could be had as  
the spread the papers had given this  
case has almost ruined him.

After working to acquire enough  
money for a College Education at  
Springfield College to earn his Bachelor  
of Science degree he went to Schuff

School worked at Budget for B.S.A.  
4 years.

then Mr. Warner tried a year in succession  
to get Robert here Robert was under a  
overworked until he had a complete  
nervous breakdown all because a

little boy of 12 evidently oversexed tried  
to ruin Robert. When Robert woke up he went

out in 25 to 30 below zero weather to look  
for a supposedly lost boy who had gone  
to the latrine when he returned he was faced

with the State Police There were a dozen  
or more boys there who told me later

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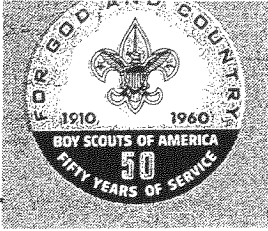
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The answer to this letter should be  
mailed to my name Mrs Hector Thorne  
of my eldest son Wesley J. Thorne  
42 Elm Terrace  
Manchester Conn.

P.S. I feel it is the best thing to do to  
notify the B.S.A. to see what can be done  
if nothing comes of this later other charges  
will be instituted to clear Robert's name  
He has never deserved to be hurt in this  
manner. Mrs. Hector Thorne

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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
**NATIONAL COUNCIL • NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.**

**FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

February 8, 1961

Mr. E. G. Warner, Scout Executive  
Hampshire Franklin Council, No. 235  
38 Gothic Street  
Northampton, Massachusetts

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Robert H. Thouin

Dear Mr. Warner:

I want to thank you for the very complete report you sent on Robert Thouin. It is unfortunate that this was necessary, but you leave nothing to doubt with the procedure you followed. We have been able to complete the Confidential Record Sheet from his Professional Record which provided the description we need.

If possible, we would like to have a copy of the statement the boy made concerning Mr. Thouin. It is not important enough for you to go to extra trouble to get it, but we like to have such things in our file just in case we need it for support in the future. You can assure the parents and the police, that these statements are kept under lock and key and are never shared with anyone. It just makes our case stronger. If this is not available and you had a talk with the boy, you might in your own words, tell us what happened. Please send it to me in the enclosed confidential envelope.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

*BFS*  
Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

Feb. 13, 1961

BFS:mlh  
Encl.

*Dear Mr. Starkey: According to statements made by both Mr. Thouin and the boy - Mr. Thouin placed his hand on the boys underwear superimposed over his penis. The boy resisted, stated that he was going to the latrine and proceeded from there to the nearest farmhouse where he called his mother and the police. You have the rest of the report in detail,*

*E. G. Warner*  
Scout Executive

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HAMPSHIRE-FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF AMERICA  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
38 Gothic St., Northampton, Mass.

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Jan FEB 31, 1961

Mr. M. G. Clark  
Regional Scout Executive  
Region One  
Boy Scouts of America  
80 Federal St.  
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Clark:

According to the advice of Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Robert Sproul, I am sending the enclosed material to you. Please forward a copy to Mr. Delmar H. Wilson, Director of the Personnel Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

I have delayed sending this to you until Mr. Sproul meets with our Executive Board on the evening of 1/30/61.

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The enclosed newspaper clipping is correct in stating the charge and sentence given former District Scout Executive, Robert H. Thouin, in the District Court in Northampton, Mass., on the morning of January 23, 1961.

Troop 114 sponsored by the Methodist Church of Northampton, was camping in the Troop Lodge at Camp Chesterfield (the council camp) January 21, and 22, 1961. Ten members of the Troop were led by a Scoutmaster and Robert Thouin who is a member of this church.

The incident occurred when almost everyone was asleep at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. The boy involved dressed and went to the outdoor latrine and failed to return.

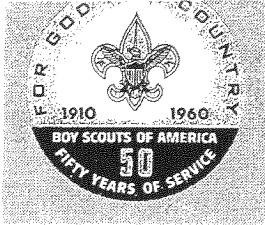
The temperature was about 20 degrees below and Mr. Thouin alarmed at the boy's disappearance went to the nearest farmhouse and made phone calls in the following order:

1. State Police
2. Scout Executive
3. Boy's Mother

The boy in the meantime went to another farmhouse and phoned his mother and the police. The boy made his accusation to the State Police and was taken home by his mother.

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The Scout Executive reached camp in time to cooperate with the State Police in interviewing the nine other boys and the two leaders.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday the Scout Executive brought Robert Thouin to Council Attorney, Oscar Grife, for advice. He advised Mr. Thouin to secure his counsel immediately.

The Scout Executive brought Mr. Thouin to a lawyer, who was a member of his church, and accompanied them to the State Police Barracks where upon advice of his lawyer, Mr. Thouin gave them a completely honest account of the incident.

The Scout Executive then notified Mrs. Thouin (Robert's Mother) who arranged for his bail.

The Scout Executive then notified Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Robert Sproul and Council President, Eric Stahlberg, Jr. This was followed by several meetings.

Sunday night:

Meeting of Council President and Scout Executive with the council attorney.

Meeting of Council President and Scout Executive with the Scoutmaster of Troop 114 and the Dad who accompanied the Scouts on the winter camp.

Monday - January 23:

9:00 a.m. - Case tried in District Court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Regional Scout Executive, Robert Sproul met with Council attorney, Council President and Scout Executive.

6:00 p.m. - Dinner meeting of Robert Sproul and Scout Executive Warner.

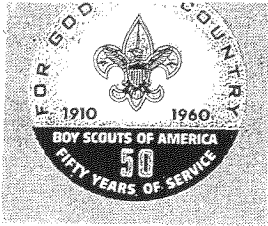
Tuesday - January 24:

4:30 p.m. - Secured resignation of District Scout Executive, Robert H. Thouin and also signed request for refund of his past payments for retirement.

8:30 p.m. - Scout Executive accompanied by Scout Commissioner, Robert Young met with Troop Committee and Scoutmaster of Troop 114.

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Monday - January 30:

8:00 p.m. - Special meeting of Executive Board. Resignation of Robert H. Thouin accepted. A Selection Committee was appointed to interview candidates for the position of District Scout Executive. This meeting was attended by Council Attorney, Oscar Grife and Deputy Regional Executive, Robert Sproul. Mr. Sproul will report personally on the action taken to Regional Scout Executive, M. G. Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

Boy Scouts of America

*E. G. Warner*

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Scout Executive

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Easthampton, Mass.  
January 23, 1961

To the Executive Board  
Hampshire-Franklin Council, Inc.  
Boy Scouts of America

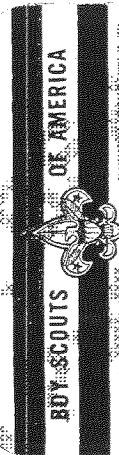
Gentlemen:

Please accept my resignation as  
Hampshire District Scout Executive, to  
become effective immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Robert H. Thoun



DISTRICT SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
HAMPSHIRE-FRANKLIN COUNCIL

TO THE LAST DAY OF  
DECEMBER 1961

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND  
BYLAWS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IN  
WITNESS WHEREOF ITS SEAL IS HERETO AFFIXED



Joseph H. Bennett  
PRESIDENT

CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

1378 Westhampton Rd.  
Easthampton, Mass.  
January 23, 1961

Mr. Delmar H. Wilson  
Director  
Personnel Division  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Please find attached a copy of my resignation from the position of District Scout Executive of the Hampshire-Franklin Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Circumstances will not permit me to re-register as a Scouter in any capacity in the future.

I have stopped paying in the Retirement Plan as of January 23, 1961 and according to Option A, as listed in the Retirement Plan booklet on page 30, I would like to receive back all the money I paid into the Plan.

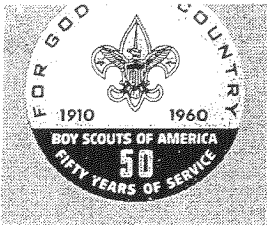
I was employed at the Pomperaug Council in Bridgeport, Connecticut from October 2, 1953 to October 15, 1957. I was employed with the Hampshire-Franklin Council from October 16, 1957 to January 23, 1961.

Sincerely,

*Robert H. Thouin*  
Robert H. Thouin

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
38 Gothic St., Northampton, Mass.

*Don't know date*  
*Case # 1122/61*  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23  
**Scout Executive  
Handed Suspended  
5-Month Term**  
The Scout Executive of the Hampshire-Franklin Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Northampton, Mass., has handed a five-month suspension to Scout Executive Charles J. O'Connor, Jr., of Northampton, for failing to report a sexual assault on a Scoutmaster to the council's executive committee.

**BOY SCOUT  
LEADER IN  
HAMP COURT**  
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