

# Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet

## REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Date: 09-06-91

Full name Gerald A. Fonzo Social Security no. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not use initials if you can get the full name.)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Exeter State PA ZIP code 18643  
 Date of birth unknown 1944 (This is important: it should be exact.)  
 Approximate age 47 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)  
 Religion Catholic Nationality (citizen of) Italian American  
 Occupation Prison Guard, Luzerne County (PA) Prison  
 Education Former Professed Brother with Oblates of St. Joseph  
 Weight 160 Height 5'6" Race white Color of hair Black Color of eyes Brown  
 Distinguishing physical characteristics Balding, Black beard  
 Hobbies or special interests Special Olympics, Youth Sports-officiating  
 Married  Single  Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: Number 0 Names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

**SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:**

Unit no.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
<u>D8690</u>	<u>Avoca</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>Exec. Bd.</u>	<u>5-90</u>	_____
<u>S0303</u>	<u>Exeter</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>C.C.</u>	<u>10-81</u>	_____

Chartered organization St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church

Special recognitions Silver Beaver, Vigil O.A., Scouter's Key, Dist. Award Merit

Incident: Type 2 Date 1972 Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

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| <p><b>Type</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scouting related</li> <li>Not Scouting related</li> <li>Homosexual (not specifically involving youth)</li> </ol> | <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal (only BSA members know)</li> <li>Criminal action</li> <li>Court action</li> <li>Probationary status</li> <li>Reported to state agency</li> </ol> |
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**Check-off list of attached documentation**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement by victim(s)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official notification of termination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media reports                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Found guilty/innocent by court                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal proceedings                  |  |

Council Northeastern Pennsylvania  
**NOTED** #501

Signed Gerald A. Lysian **CONFIDENTIAL**  
 Scout executive

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**JOSEPH L. ANGLIM**

**F. STARON**

October 25, 1991

Mr. Gerard A. Lupien  
Scout Executive  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, No. 501

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: GERALD A. FONZO

Dear Gerard:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Charles Ball, Northeast Region

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September 9, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Statistical Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
PO Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

I am enclosing information related to an allegation of child sexual abuse against Gerald A. Fonzo. Mr. Fonzo has been registered with our Council in excess of twenty years. He is currently a member of our Executive Board, District Chairman, Troop Committee Chairman and heavily involved with the Pennsylvania Committee on Catholic Scouting.

The allegation relates to an alleged incident in 1972 by [redacted] of [redacted]. The accuser, now in his 30's, was 13 years old at the time. He was not, and is not now, involved in Scouting. The extent of the abuse and the clarity of the allegation led us to the decision to suspend Mr. Fonzo from all Scouting activities. A copy of the letter is attached.

Mr. Fonzo has met with [redacted] in my office and denies the allegation. Mr. Fonzo and [redacted] have agreed to meet with [redacted] therapist to discuss the matter further.

Please advise should any further action be necessary on my part.

Sincerely,

Gerard A. Lupien,  
Scout Executive

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CC: Mr. Charles D. Ball, Northeast Region

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August 12, 1991

Mr. Gerald Fonzo

Exeter, Pa. 18643

Dear Mr. Fonzo:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee will follow under separate cover.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege that is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerard A. Lupien".

Gerard A. Lupien,  
Scout Executive

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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Northeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, Northeast Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

29 July 1991

Dear Mr. Lupien,

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter we discussed. This letter was written as part of my therapy to heal myself from the effects of being sexually molested nineteen years ago. The person who molested me is Jerry Fonzo and is active in the Boy Scouts in your area.

The enclosed letter details specific acts of molestation as well as their emotional impact on me. I am writing this letter to urge you to remove Mr. Fonzo from your organization and to permanently bar him from any future participation in it.

My concern is for the safety of children Mr. Fouzo has access to. No one knew what happened to me for nearly twenty years. I am sure there are other cases such as mine Mr. Fouzo is responsible for.

I am available for any discussion you may care to have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Brother Jerry.

I know you are not a brother now but you were when I knew you. That is how I shall address you. My name is [REDACTED] and you molested me nineteen years ago this summer. Do you remember me? I was thirteen years old at the time. Thirteen. How old were you? Late thirties, early forties? I wasn't even that far out of puberty. I suppose that was part of the attraction. My father died when I was eight years old. Is that one of the reasons you targeted me? Did you surmise, quite correctly, that I would be looking for a



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Father figure? Some adult male  
to replace my dead parent?

The reason I am telling  
you about my life is to confront  
you with the results of your  
behaviour.

The first time you touched  
my genitals was in mock  
wrestling. In the beginning  
you were careful not to touch  
me, not to alarm me. Then you  
would get me in a lock where  
you would lock my shoulders  
against the floor and hold my  
legs in the air. You did this  
by passing your hand through  
my legs from behind and  
grabbing hold of my penis.  
This activity at least once  
followed basketball. We worked  
up quite a sweat. My, my--

well orchestrated Jerry,

I began taking showers in your room at your suggestion. But I'm getting ahead of myself. Next came the massages. All so innocent, wasn't it? Wrestling, massages, all part of male activity, wasn't it? And well timed chronologically, relative to me. It was difficult for a sheltered child just out of puberty to know the fine lines between appropriate male play and inappropriate overt sexual advances.

I remember the first message. We were both naked. I still remember the confusion I had. That was the first time you stroked my penis. The first time this thirteen

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year old boy had an erection in a sexual encounter was with a brother of a religious order who was easily twenty years his senior. You made some joke about the erection.

After a while I even took your penis in my mouth. Even then I wasn't sure. I thought this was all part of massages that men gave each other. There were doubts but the attraction of that father figure was too strong. Too strong a pull. Well done!

Then there was the time you had me lay on top of you and you placed my penis between your closed legs. You helped me at first, started moving my hips

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up and down. Then I took over. I ejaculated that time. I think that was when I began to get the idea that maybe all this wasn't entirely proper.

I remember one of the first times I was in your room. You were going to take your shower and you gave me a photo book to look at. A photo book full of young adolescent boys - all naked. Again there were doubts. It did seem strange but I knew that the nude was part of art and photography. It almost seems laughable now. Who in their right mind would ever leave that book out for an adult to see. To let another adult see that they possessed a

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photo book full of adolescent  
males - all naked. NEVER. But  
never to worry in the case of  
a thirteen year old waif.

Then there was the last  
time. During the flood there  
were several of us doing  
volunteer work at the seminary.  
You sent someone down at  
two o'clock in the morning  
for me. You must have started  
becoming obsessive. It was so  
obvious. I remember thinking  
that that everyone in that  
room must have known what  
was going on. There was no  
reason on earth why it  
would have been necessary  
for you to see me at that  
hour. Except the honest one.  
You wanted to have what

For you, passed for sex.  
I got naked with you and  
into bed with you. But this  
time I didn't have an erection  
You tried very hard to produce  
one in me but for naught  
Finally I said "I have to  
go." That was the last time

One other incident. One  
of the priests at the seminary  
generously offered to take  
me to the movies. Another  
father figure doing a good  
deed for the fatherless boy.  
Of course it was the drive-in.  
It soon became apparent  
why he was putting his arm  
around me and dragging  
me close to him. I would  
sit back up, he would  
drag me back again.

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It went on through the whole movie. Probably parked well isolated too. I can't remember. Bragging about your victory I suppose.

It was brief but the seeds were planted. The seeds of confusion. You see I didn't really have any resource I could go to and discover the right or normal answers.

Did you perceive that? So I was confused and I stayed confused up to this very day. Confused about my sexual identity and virtually everything else in my life.

A reclusive, withdrawn boy became more withdrawn, more reclusive. My mother would always chide me with

"You have to come out of your shell." and "No man is an island." I still don't know if she realizes where that quote is from.

I was confused. Perhaps I was trying to hide the shame I felt. The shame of what happened and how I let it happen. Just when a thirteen year old boy should have been taking an interest in girls and begin dating I was shying away from them. I was interested in them and I knew some were interested in me but I did nothing. And I have continued to do nothing. I have never been aggressive with women,



Aggressive here meaning the initiator of any intimate contact. Never being able to take contact beyond the most superficial level.

You see I was scared. I was scared of not knowing what to do and appearing inadequate. I had no idea of what was proper. I dated one girl the whole time I was in high school. Of course she was the initiator.

All these things together left an effect on me that has continued to this day. Lacking the confidence to initiate intimate contact I shyed away from people and consequently from

direct communication with those I cared about. Not being able to express my feelings. To have to keep them suppressed even to the point of lying to myself, to the point of denial, has left deep painful scars.

I have very effectively isolated myself from the very basic and very necessary need for human contact. The need to identify yourself with others. To have an identity for yourself. To know boundaries and to have people respect those boundaries.

You wronged me. You took an innocent, impressionable, vulnerable thirteen year old

And you deceived him. You deceived him in a way that scared him, scared me. You changed my life FOREVER by using me for your own sexual satisfaction. You ARE DEPRAVED.

What I want from you is, one, to hear this letter. Second. You ARE to no longer practice denial about your acts and the damaging effects these acts have had on other people. I hear you ARE VERY active in the Boy Scouts. You ARE to quit this activity immediately and refrain from any activity connected in any way with boys or girls younger than twenty-one.

You are to begin therapy and you are to continue therapy until you have rid yourself of the urge to have sexual relations with children.

You are to contact every child whom you molested and you are to urge them to seek therapy for themselves. At that time and throughout their therapy you are to make yourself available to them and their therapist for whatever closure or completion they need to conduct with you.

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