

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE Aug. 4, 1986

FULL NAME James A. Kunkel
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Honey Brook STATE PA ZIP CODE 19344

DATE OF BIRTH 1947 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 39 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION Teacher

EDUCATION College Graduate

WEIGHT _____ HEIGHT _____ RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR _____ COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN _____

WIFE'S NAME Unknown

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Troop 117		PA	Asst. S.M.		July 1986

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Incident Report Attached

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Chutes County 539

E. STARON
AUG 14 1986

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

September 2, 1987

Mr. Richard C. Bennett
Scout Executive
Chester County Council, No. 539

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James A. Kunkel

Dear Richard:

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 Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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August 18, 1986

Mr. Richard C. Bennett
Scout Executive
Chester County Council, No. 539

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James A. Kunkel

Dear Dick:

Thank you very much for the prompt action in sending us the information concerning the above-named individual. This information is most helpful to us and will help us in establishing a file for future refusal of registration attempts.

We hope you will keep us informed of the outcome of any legal action which will be very necessary in completing our file. Thanks again for your help and let us know if we may be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

PE/cre

cc: Northeast Region

AUG 18 1986

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Chester County Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

RICHARD C. BENNETT
Scout Executive

August 13, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst
Director
Registration & Subscription Service
National Council, B.S.A.
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

The case was taken to court and Mr. Kunkel pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was also charged with a similar incident with another Scout the year before at Camp Horseshoe.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Bennett
Richard C. Bennett
Scout Executive

RCB/mm



Chester County Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



August 11, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration & Fulfillment Serv.
National Council, B.S.A.
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of the incident report as
per our conversation.

Dick



July 27, 1987

Mr. Richard C. Bennett
Scout Executive
Chester County Council, No. 539

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James A. Kunkel

Dear Dick:

Last year we had an incident reported to us from your Scout camp which indicated the above-named individual had had sexual relations with one of the Scouts in camp.

You supplied us with very complete information when this incident occurred, but we would like to know the outcome of any legal action which took place. This will complete our file and enable us to refuse registration anywhere it might be requested.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

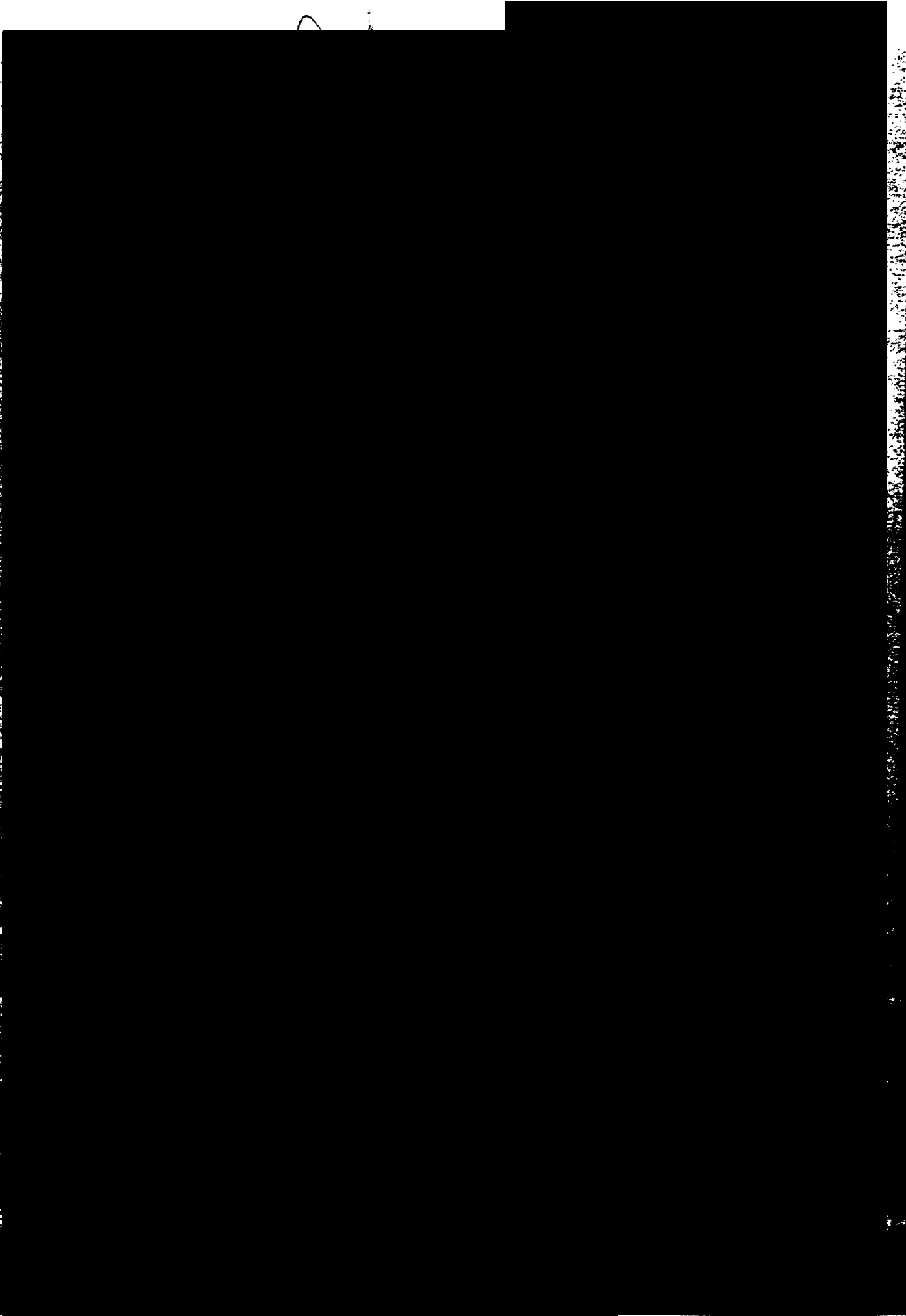
Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE
JUL 27 1987
ERIN O'RILEY

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Chester County Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

August 6, 1986

Mr. James A. Kunkel
[REDACTED]
Honey Brook, PA 19344

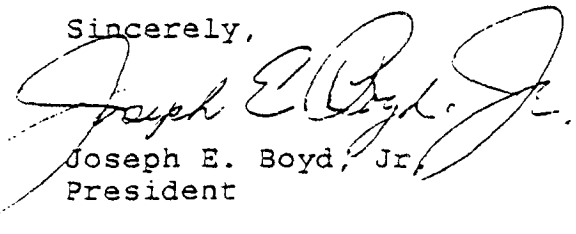
Dear Mr. Kunkel:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Boyd, Jr.
President

JEB/mm



HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION
CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, B.S.A.

CAMP INCIDENT
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1986

- * 6:00 A.M., Saturday - Kyle Kuhn, Program Director, was awakened by [REDACTED] of Troop 117 in residence (quarters shared with Camp Director).
- * The Scout reported to Kyle Kuhn that a younger Scout from Troop 117 had been molested by one of the adult leaders staying with the Troop.
- * Camp Director, Heegard, was awakened - asked Program Director who was also SM of Troop 117 to return to the campsite and awaken the Rev. Brubaker (who was also an Asst. Adult Leader of Troop, ASM and Executive Officer of sponsor).
- * Heegard asked Kyle to meet with the 10½ year old Scout to establish in their minds, whether an incident had occurred and if it was positive, then to confront the adult leader (James Kunkel), 39 year old Asst. SM of Troop 117.
- * Heegard also instructed Kyle to bring the accused leader to Headquarters to meet with the Camp Director if the incident had occurred. Kyle and Pastor reported back to the Camp Director after having met with the Scout and also had confronted Mr. Kunkel.
- * Both the Pastor and Kyle Kuhn were positive that the boy had been molested and Jim Kunkel's response when confronted with the question - "What happened?" - was "I'd rather not say but what the boy told you is probably true".
- * A statement to this effect was typed up by Rev. Brubaker and presented to Jim Kunkel who refused to sign it. A second statement was added to this that the Pastor and Kyle had heard the aforementioned statement and both signed the paper. This was shown to Mr. Kunkel who had no response. Camp Director, Heegard, instructed Kyle Kuhn to pack up the leader and have him leave camp. While the rest of the camp went to breakfast, this was accomplished. Immediately following breakfast, Kuhn and Heegard placed a call to the parents of the Scout involved and they indicated that they would come to camp immediately. Calls were also made to the Scout Executive, Richard Bennett, and Council President, Joseph Boyd. Then a call was placed to the Avondale Barracks of the PA State Police. Two plain-clothes detectives of the State Police came into camp and conducted their investigation, interviewing the following: Parents of the Scout and the Scout who was molested, adult leaders of the Troop, Ernest Heegard (Camp Director), and Kyle Kuhn (Program Director and SM).
- * The parents are pressing charges and the preliminary hearing is set for August 6, 1986.

DATE OF INCIDENT July 19, 1986 TIME 6:00 A.M.

Horseshoe Scout
Reservation

INCIDENT REPORTED TO:

LEADER PARENT PA STATE
POLICE OTHER _____

PERSON CONTACTED:

NAME _____ ADDRESS Horseshoe Scout Reserv. PHONE _____

COPIES SENT TO: (Program Dir. - Scouter - Ranger, etc.)

DATE: August 6, 1986

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

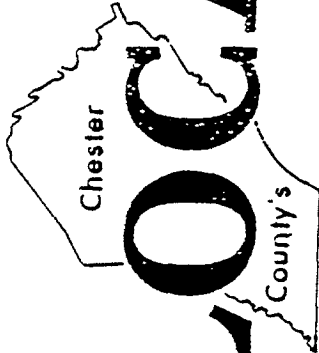
Area Director contacted; Council President and Legal Counsel contacted.

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Report mailed to National Council, B.S.A., Registration Service

ORIGINATOR INFORMED: DATE _____

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Teacher assaulted him, says Boy Scout

By BRUCE MOWDAY
(Of the Local News Staff)

A Coatesville school teacher has been charged by the state police with sexually assaulting a boy last month during a Boy Scout camping trip at Camp Horseshoe, according to district court records. --

James Allen Kunkel, 39, of Honey Brook is facing charges of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault and corruption of minors in connection with the July 19 incident in Nottingham Township.

KUNKEL IS FREE on \$1 bail awaiting his Aug. 6 preliminary hearing before District Justice Donald C. Brown of Oxford. A hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, but defense attorney Alan P. Novak of Coatesville asked to have it delayed for a week.

Yesterday Novak declined to comment on the case. Law enforcement agencies aren't releasing any information concerning the two boy scouts involved in the case.

According to an affidavit filed in Brown's office by the state police at Avondale, the victim said he was sleeping in the assistant scoutmaster's tent with Kunkel because he was afraid of thunderstorms. At 4 a.m. the boy said he was awakened by Kunkel sexually assaulting him, the affidavit said.

Another scout was interviewed by the state police and he said the victim complained to him about the assault later in the morning, according to the affidavit. "Dozer (Kunkel) had been messing with him," the second boy reportedly told police.

KUNKEL IS A teacher at Gordon Junior High School, Coatesville, according to school district employees.

Dr. Henry Hoerner, superintendent of the school district, said he was aware of the charges and was awaiting a report from the state police.

"We have not had an opportunity to discuss it with the employee and we have no idea whether the person is innocent or guilty and that is something that has to be determined

by an agency other than ours. The matter has been referred to counsel," Hoerner said.

The school district hasn't taken any formal action against Kunkel, according to Hoerner. Hoerner said he expects to have "something cleared up by September," the beginning of school.

(Information for this story was also supplied by staff reporters Dan Tipton and Florence Miller.)

County Press

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ilt leaders who par- at the camp are l with the Boy Scout nd have been working r respective scouting cording to Heegard. ition is we provide adership to run the

program at the camp, the scout groups provide their leader- ship," he said.

Futher information about Kunkle as of Tuesday afternoon, was not being released either from state police or District Justice Brown's office, pending a hearing scheduled for today. A state policeman did say he did not recognize Kunkle's name as someone who police had dealt with before.

The Rev. Charles Evans, a former scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster with Honey Brook Boy Scout Troop 9 and Cub Scout Pack 9 before his

recent move to the Marshallton area, said Tuesday morning he had no knowledge of anyone named Kunkle connected with the Honey Brook scouts.

Evans said he was with the cub scout pack in Honey Brook as recently as February when his son advanced from the Webelos to the Boy Scouts. He said he had been involved in scouting in the Honey Brook area for seven years, and during that time no one named Kunkle was with Pack or Troop 9.

Evans said, however, that a scout group from the Glenmoore area is sometimes

referred to as a Honey Brook group.

A man who answered a telephone call Tuesday morning to a Honey Brook area number listed to a James Kunkle, confirmed he was James Kunkle and that he was an assistant scoutmaster. The man denied any knowledge or the arrest, however, before hanging up the receiver.

Heegard said the alleged incident was the first of its kind in Camp Horseshoe's 58 year history. He said about 2,500 youth attend camp -- most of them for one week programs -- during a summer. The huge camp sprawls into two counties, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and three counties, Chester, Lancaster and Cecil County, Md.

Kunkle, who was arraigned before District Justice Donald Brown in Oxford, is free on nominal bail(\$).

Brown said a bail agency suggests what bail should be set at, based on a person's past track record, and an assumption on the judge's part that the person will appear for the preliminary hearing.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. today in Brown's office.