

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 527 Date 11/9/89

Full name ROBERT GALLARDI  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Pittsburgh, State PA ZIP 15204

Date of Birth About 1933  
(This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 56 (To be used ONLY when date of birth not known.)

Religion Catholic Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation County Social Worker

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Weight 250 Height 5'10" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Grey Color of eyes Blue (?)

Outstanding characteristics or interests Professional Patch Collector

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

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lives with invalid father)

Scouting connections: Chartered Organization Sheraden Community Church

Unit no. T66 City Pittsburgh State PA Position Committeeman

Date registered 1988 Date resigned March 6, 1989

Special recognition O/A Ordeal and Brotherhood

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Child Molesting

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OR REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

*Joseph L. Anglim*  
Director of Support Services  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONFIDENTIAL NOTED Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Council Allegheny Trails Council, RSA

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F. STARON

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

READY FOR FILE

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A. GRAVES

November 28, 1989

Mr. Benjamin W. Ussery  
Scout Executive  
Allegheny Trails Council, No. 527

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

- SUBJECT: ROBERT GALLARDI

Dear Ben:

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 Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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*Jamy*

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: NATIONAL REGISTRATION SERVICE

FROM: Allegheny Trails Council, B.S.A. #527

DATE: ~~September 18, 1989~~ *11/10/89*

SUBJECT: Confidential File concerning Robert Gallardi

Based upon the two anonymous letters resulting from an anonymous phone call concerning the sexual molestation of a Scout some ten years ago, the troop refused Robert Gallardi's registration.

With the cooperation of members of the troop committee, the situation described in the anonymous letter appeared to be possible.

David J. Buerklin, Council Child Protector Executive, interviewed Robert Gallardi in the Scout office and confronted Gillardi with the letters. After about an hour of conversation, Robert Gallardi admitted sexually abusing Scouts some years ago.

Robert Gallardi received, hand delivered at the conclusion of the meeting, a letter terminating his registration in the Boy Scouts of America.

As of this date, no further problems with Robert Gallardi have been reported. It appears that Gillardi has distanced himself from the Scouting program.

All supporting material attached.

*Buerklin*

*11/10/89*

*Added to file  
No reg showing at  
National  
11/10/89  
Jm*

## CHILD PROTECTION - CASE - RESPONSE

MARCH 6, 1989

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: ROBERT GALLARDI

CONVERSATION: PHONE CONVERSATION 8/6/89

CONFERENCE HOOK UP WITH SCOUT MASTER BOB KNAPP AND STEVE  
DeWICK [REDACTED] TROOP 66 (KNAPP [REDACTED])

REASON: ROBERT GALLARDI'S ONLY KNOWN REGISTRATION IS WITH TROOP 66 AS  
A COMMITTEE MEMBER. BOB KNAPP SAID THE ONLY REASON HE IS  
REGISTERED IS TO KEEP HIS TENURE. GALLARDI IS NOT AN ACTIVE  
MEMBER OF THE TROOP.

INFORMATION: GALLARDI WAS SCOUTMASTER OF TROOP 236 AND EXPLORING ADVISOR  
OF POST 114 (IN PENN HILLS ?) GALLARDI LIVES WITH HIS INVALID  
FATHER. HE WORKS FOR THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS  
IN THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING IN PITTSBURGH.

BOB KNAPP SAID HE HEARD SOME "RUMORS" ABOUT GALLARDI. THAT  
GALLARDI HAD "LITTLE BOYS AS FRIENDS", "TOOK THEM PLACES" AND  
"HAD THE BOYS IN HIS HOUSE", ETC. KNAPP REPORTED THIS TO THE  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER EDWARD HENRY (AT THE TIME) BUT WAS  
ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO ONE WHO WANTED THEIR NAMES USED SO  
THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULD DO.

STEVE DeWICK SAID THAT IN A CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]  
WHOSE SON [REDACTED] (CURRENTLY A CADET AT THE AIRFORCE ACADEMY) WAS  
IN TROOP 66. SHE SAID "I HOPE HE NEVER GETS THE CHANCE TO DO

WHAT HE DID TO [REDACTED] TO OTHER KIDS." THIS WAS WHEN  
[REDACTED] HARKINS WAS A MEMBER OF GALLARDI'S TROOP 236 WHEN  
GALLARDI WAS SCOUTMASTER.

ADDENDUM: SECOND CALL FROM STEVE DeWICK AFTER THE EARLIER 3 WAY  
CONVERSATION WITH KNAPP, DeWICK, BUERKLIN.

DeWICK, GALLARDI AND A MINISTER ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF PATCH  
TRADING AND CONDUCT SWAP AUCTIONS IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.  
THEY PRODUCE A NATION-WIDE BULLETIN. BOTH DeWICK AND THE  
MINISTER OBSERVED THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GALLARDI AND BOYS  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE PATCH SWAPING BUSINESS AND HEARD  
RUMORS ABOUT GALLARDI AND TALK ABOUT CONFRONTING GALLARDI  
WITH IT, BUT DECIDED NOT TO. DeWICK SAID THAT RECENTLY  
THEY HAD A 13 YEAR OLD BOY WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH GALLARDI,  
WHO ABRUPTLY DISASSOCIATED WITH THE PATCH OPERATIONS. THE  
BOY ATTENDED THE PATCH SWAP EVENT THIS PAST SATURDAY 3/4/89.  
HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PARENTS, WHO RETURNED TO TAKE HIM  
HOME. DeWICK THOUGHT IT VERY UNUSUAL AT THE TIME.

GALLARDI HAS THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT AND SILVER BEAVER.

M E M O R A N D U MCONFIDENTIAL

TO: Ben W. Ussery  
David J. Buerklin

FROM: J. Bruce McDowell *JBM*

DATE: March 2, 1989

RE: CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRY OF: MR. ROBERT GALARDI  
[REDACTED]  
Pittsburgh, PA 15204

As requested, the following items review the conversations of several anonymous calls made to Bob Newcomb and myself prior to the receipt of the attached letter.

January 19, 1989

Bob Newcomb answered an initial call by an anonymous male raising the same complaints as written in the attached letter. The caller was from the Chartiers District and was asked to call back the next day and ask for me since I was out of the office. Since the complaint concerned a Chartiers volunteer, John Whitford (who was in the office) was asked by Bob Newcomb to research the involvement of Mr. Galardi.

He found that Mr. Galardi is:

- 1) A committee member of Troop 66 with an enrollment date of 9/6/84 and again in 1986.
- 2) He took his OA Ordeal in 1958 and OA Brotherhood 1959.

January 20, 1989

I received the call from a male who only identified himself as the father of a 24 year old who was a Scout ten years ago in Troop 66. He reviewed his previous call made to Bob Newcomb and the complaint that his now adult son was undergoing therapy.

His therapist uncovered a sexual abuse incident that occurred about 10 years ago while he was a Scout in Troop 66. He implicated Mr. Galardi who was the leader of the troop at that time.

The therapist advised this man's son to find out if his leader was still involved with Scouting and to confront him. Hence, the call to our council. The caller wanted to know if Mr. Galardi was in Scouting now and what were we going to do about him.

I pointed out that this was the first known complaint about Mr. Galardi and that he should call me back after the weekend so I could check our confidential files for any specific complaint about Mr. Galardi.

February 2, 1989

The same male called to review my findings. I had during the prior week reviewed the confidential file with the assistance of Deborah Caldwell. Nothing was found about Mr. Galardi.

I informed the caller that our council preferred that complaints of this nature be made to Dave Buerklin or Ben Ussery in private at our council office. The caller was emphatic that he did not want his son's identity known and refused to meet anyone in person.

I expressed my concerns that we would prefer to have a "confidential" letter outlining the incident that his son experienced. This he agreed to do. The caller reiterated that he wanted us to do everything possible to remove Mr. Galardi from Scouting to avoid any further possibility of abuses.

Additional Notes:

1. Presently, the Scoutmaster of Troop 66 is Robert Knapp.
2. The Scout originally joined Troop 299 in Chartiers, had a good experience, then for unknown reasons went into Troop 66, where Galardi was the Scoutmaster.

# TROOP 66

Sheraden Community Church



# Boy Scouts of America

[Redacted] / Pittsburgh, PA 15204 / Ph. [Redacted]

ROBERT F. KNAPP  
Scoutmaster

March 6, 1989

Mr. Robert Galiardi  
[Redacted]  
Pittsburgh, PA 15204

Dear Bob:

Boy Scout Troop 66 can no longer carry you on charter as a registered adult.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, contact Mr. David Burklin at Allegheny Trails Council.

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$7.00, reimbursement of your registration fee.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Knapp

Enclosure

cc: David Burklin

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	March 7 1989	60-3401433
Pay to the order of	Robert Galiardi	\$ 7.00
	Seven and 00/100	
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Registration Reimbursement	Margaret F. Knapp	
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February 19, 1989

Dear Sir,

I am a victim of sexual abuse. Currently, at the age of 24, I am undergoing psychotherapy to enable me to overcome many obstacles resulting from this abuse.

When I was a scout ten years ago, Bob Galardi abused me and other young boys in a swimming pool at [REDACTED]. I have reason to believe that he also abused scouts on other occasions. Bob Galardi used his position as a trusted adult authority figure to fulfill his sick desires while seriously damaging the natural, healthy growth of youngsters.

For the sake of those who may be presently being abused, I am asking you to investigate Bob Galardi and to review the Boy Scouts of America's policies that help to ensure that incidences like what happened to me do not happen to others.

Sincerely,

Anonymous

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February 26, 1989

Mr. David Buerklin  
Director of Development  
Flag Plaza  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Buerklin,

This letter is to confirm in writing a charge I made by telephone that my son was sexually abused by a Boy Scout leader several years ago. My telephone conversations were with Mr. Bob Newcome and Mr. Bruce McDowell.

As I told them, my son has been in therapy now for almost one year for several reasons. His therapist thought that it would be good for him to write a letter to you; that letter is attached.

Mr. McDowell indicated to me that you would hold a meeting when this letter arrives to determine what to do. It is my hope that you will investigate the current activities of this "leader" and find a way to get him away from young boys. May I recommend to you that you have some sort of sexual abuse expert attend your meeting since the men I have spoken to find it hard to believe that activities like those referred to by my son can go on for years with no complaints.

This letter is being sent anonymously since there is nothing that can be done about my son's experiences. I would like to add that the individual was involved with a troupe at Holy Innocents Catholic Church in the Sheraden section of the city and I have been informed that he is still involved in scouting.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Allegheny Trail Council

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March 29, 1989

Mr. Robert Galiardi  
 [REDACTED]  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15204

Mr. Robert Galiardi:

After very careful review, it has been decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America is terminated.

We are compelled to sever any Scouting responsibilities or affiliation that you may have in a unit, district, council, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Registration in the Boy Scouts of America has always been a privilege that is not automatically granted to everyone who applies.

The Boy Scouts of America reserves the right to suspend or refuse registration; whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide to the youth of our country.

Yours truly,

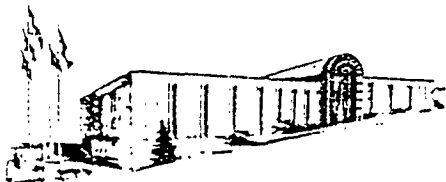
David J. Buerklin  
Director of Support Services

cc: Council Legal Counsel  
 Scout Executive  
 District Chairman  
 District Executive  
 Related Staff

*AND DELIVERED*  
*3/30/89 BY*

Member of the United Way of:

- Allegheny County
- Beaver County
- Greene County
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- Westmoreland County



## M E M O R A N D U M

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER

FOR THE RECORDS: ROBERT GALLARDI  
FROM: DAVID J. BUERKLIN, COUNCIL STAFF  
DATE: MARCH 30, 1989

ON THE AFTERNOON ROBERT GALLARDI ADMITTED TO ME, IN PRIVATE WITH NO WITNESS, THAT THE LETTER ACCUSING HIM OF MOLESTING A YOUTH IN THE [REDACTED] SWIMMING POOL AREA WAS TRUE - THE ATTACHED LETTER WAS PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO HIM BY ME.

HE AGREED TO TOTALLY WITHDRAW FROM ALL SCOUTING OR SCOUTING ASSOCIATES ACTIVITIES. HE AGREED TO SEEK PSYCHIATRIC HELP IN ADDITION TO WITHDRAWING FROM THE "PATCH SWAPPING" BUSINESS; HE IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TWO OTHER SCOUTERS.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY, MICHAEL DANIELS WAS INFORMED BY PHONE ON THIS DATE. ONE OF GALLARDI'S PATCH BUSINESS PARTNERS - MR. STEVE DEWICK (TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF T-60) WAS ALSO INFORMED (IN CONFIDENCE) OF GILLARDI'S ADMISSION.

M E M O R A N D U M

INELIGIBLE SCOUTING

FOR THE RECORDS: ROBERT GALLARDI  
FROM: DAVID J. BUERKLIN, COUNCIL STAFF  
DATE: APRIL 11, 1989


I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM ROBERT GALLARDI, IN WHICH HE REPORTED TO ME THAT HE WAS SEEING A PSYCHIATRIST AND THAT IT WAS VERY EXPENSIVE.

HE ALSO SAID, THAT HE HAD NOT CONTACTED HIS PARISH PRIEST YET.

HE SAID HE DISOLVED HIS PATCH BUSINESS AND HAS TOTALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE BUSINESS.

## M E M O R A N D U M

INELIGIBLE SCOUTER

FOR THE RECORDS: (ROBERT GALLARDI) ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL  
FROM: DAVID J. BUERKLIN, COUNCIL STAFF   
DATE: JULY 17, 1989

FEMALE VOICE "MY BROTHER IS IN A PSYCHO WARD NOW BECAUSE OF BOB GALLARDI."  
"MY BROTHER IS UNDER DOUBLE LOCKS IN A HOSPITAL." SHE WAS VERY EMOTIONAL.  
THIS WAS CAUSED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM IN THE LATE 60'S AND EARLIER,  
TOO." SHE WANTED HELP TO GET LEGAL ACTION AGAINST GALLARDI.

SHE WOULD NOT GIVE MAY ANY NAMES. I INFORMED HER, WE HAD AN EXTENSIVE  
INVESTIGATION AND THAT GALLARDI IS BEING BARRED FROM SCOUTING.

## M E M O R A N D U M

Ineligible Scouter - Robert Gallardi

For the Records - Anonymous phone call

Date: November 7, 1989

The man only identified himself as the father, who wrote the anonymous letter about his son. He wanted to know, if we followed-up on the letter. He would not identify himself, when asked. I asked if he had a daughter, who called anonymously, and said her brother was in a mental ward. He said he had no daughters.



David J. Buerklin  
Director of Support Services

## M E M O R A N D U M

INELIGIBLE SCOUTER - ROBERT GALLARDI

FROM: David J. Buerklin

DATE: 11/8/89 *Buerklin*

Had an unexpected meeting with [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED] Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

[REDACTED] was very angry and irrational and emotional. She had recently discovered that her 22 year old son was sexually molested as a Scout in Troop 640 during a canoe training course in 1980. Her son, [REDACTED], did not remember the canoe training instructors name and he did not share any details. I requested that [REDACTED] calm down, and get me some facts.

DATE: 11/8/89

[REDACTED] came in today and said that her son said this man's name was (misspelled and pronounced) Gillardi. I confirmed that I had been working on another situation, that involved Robert Gallardi.

[REDACTED] wants "revenge" and threatened to have Gallardi "punched out" and signs on his door proclaiming him to be a child abuser. She said she knows a lawyer and is going to sue Gallardi.

After calming [REDACTED] down, I suggested she "discuss" the prospects of a hearing, if an attorney is engaged, and the effect it could have on her son. I also suggested, she maintain confidentiality until she discusses it with her attorney. I thanked her for coming forward and seeking justice, rather than revenge. [REDACTED] promised to keep me apprised.