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WINGARD, STEPHEN E.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 6/21/84

FULL NAME STEPHEN EDWARD Wingard SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS RFD #2

CITY SUMMERVILLE STATE PA ZIP CODE 15864

DATE OF BIRTH FEB 13 1946 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY AM CITZ

OCCUPATION LABORER/DRAG LINE OILER

EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL - CLARION AREA HIGH SCHOOL, CLARION, PA

WEIGHT 150 HEIGHT 6' RACE CAUC.

COLOR OF HAIR BROWN-BALDING COLOR OF EYES BLUE

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS WEARS GLASSES

MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN JEFFREY(12), KEVIN(10), MELISSA(7)  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE CAROL ANN Wingard

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| UNIT #                                  | CITY                 | STATE     | POSITION                                    | DATE REGISTERED   | DATE <del>REGISTERED</del> <sup>SUSPENDED</sup> |
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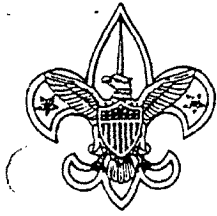
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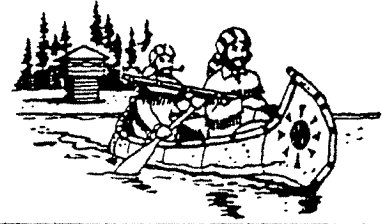
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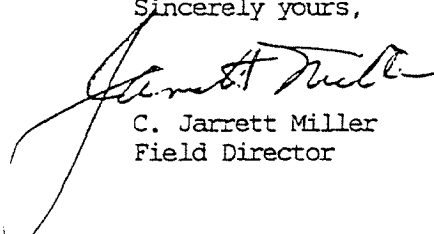
Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

The enclosed material should be added to the file for  
Stephen E. Wingard.

Your letter of June 2, 1986 confirmed his placement on the  
confidential list and this information follows that date.

Sincerely yours,



C. Jarrett Miller  
Field Director

CJM/se



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## Man Returning For Re-Sentence

Stephen E. Wingard, a former Limestone Township scout leader who molested five boys in his Webelos tribe, is returning voluntarily to Clarion County for re-sentencing, nullifying the need for extradition.

His attorney, H. John Drayer of Clarion, said yesterday the 41-year-old man is expected to arrive Monday evening from Massachusetts where he has been serving a portion of a five- to 10-year sentence.

His second sentencing — needed to comply with a Superior Court ruling — is scheduled for 8:30 am Tuesday before Judge Merle E. Wiser.

In January 1985, Wingard pleaded guilty but mentally ill to 17 morals charges filed by Shippenville state police in connection with the abuse of the boys in his Webelos tribe during the late summer and early fall of 1983.

On April 8, 1985, Wiser sentenced Wingard to a manda-

tory five- to 10-year prison term but ordered that Wingard begin the sentence with three months of inpatient care and up to 33 months of outpatient care at the Northampton (Mass.) Veterans Administration Medical Center.

After Wiser sentenced Wingard to the experimental treatment program, District Attorney William M. Kern appealed the sentence to the state Superior Court claiming Wiser had violated a state statute in specifying an out-of-state institution as the site to which Wingard was to be committed.

Superior Court concurred with the DA and, last November, ordered that Wingard be returned to Pennsylvania and placed in the custody of the Bureau of Corrections for appropriate placement.

Drayer then asked the state Supreme Court to hear an appeal of the decision but the high court refused the request last month.

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# Court Resentences Convict

CLARION — Stephen E. Wingard, a former Limestone Township scout leader who molested five boys in his Webelos tribe, is back in the Pennsylvania penal system after an appearance yesterday before Judge Merle E. Wiser in Clarion County Court.

Wiser ordered that Wingard, 41, be placed in the custody of the state Bureau of Corrections and transported to Western Penitentiary in Pittsburgh by court security officer C.R. Bartley.

Wiser's "re-sentencing" of the defendant, a former employee of C&K Coal Company here, was scheduled to bring the case into compliance with a state Superior Court directive handed down last November 10.

The state Superior Court ruling which vacated and amended a portion of a five to ten-year

prison term Wingard had received from Wiser on April 8, 1985, was a response to an appeal filed by District Attorney William M. Kern.

In January 1985, Wiser accepted from Wingard a plea of guilty but mentally ill to 17 morals charges filed by state police at Shippenville in connection with sexual contacts with 10 and 11-year-olds said to have occurred in late summer and early fall 1983.

Wiser gave Wingard a mandatory five- to 10-year jail term but ordered that the defendant begin the sentence with three months of inpatient care and up to 33 months of outpatient care at Northampton (Mass.) Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The Massachusetts VA hospital operates a special treatment program designed for persons with mental conditions such as

Wingard's admitted sexual attraction to young males.

Kern then appealed Wingard's sentencing to Superior Court, arguing that Wiser had violated a state statute in specifying an out-of-state institution as the site to which the defendant was to be committed.

According to state statute, persons sentenced to maximum jail terms of five or more years by any Pennsylvania court are to be committed to the state Bureau of Corrections for confinement.

Superior Court concurred with the DA and ordered that Wingard be returned from Massachusetts for appropriate placement within the Pennsylvania penal system.

Wingard's defense counsel — Clarion attorney H. John Drayer — then asked state Supreme Court to hear an appeal of the Superior Court directive but the

high court refused the request.

Superior Court, in ordering that Wingard be brought back to Pennsylvania, did not specifically state whether the defendant would be credited for the time he has served out of state but its written opinion accompanying the November 10 ruling suggests that he will.

The appeals court noted it had two options after finding the initial portion of Wiser's sentence to be "illegal" — to either remand Wingard back to Wiser for re-sentencing or "vacate and amend directly" the sentence already imposed.

It chose the latter.

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June 2, 1986

Mr. William J. Moran  
Scout Executive  
French Creek Council, No. 532

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Stephen E. Wingard

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE

JUN 3 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

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Nov. 26, 1986

Bill:

I called the newswriter of this story to get this info.:  
Apparently Wingard was remanded to at least 3 months of in-patient care with up to 33 months outpatient care at a VA hospital in Northampton, Mass. Since March 1986, he has been on the outpatient status, supposedly not even in a group home situation; just "loose on the street".

The rest of the story is in the article:

The DA<sup>^^</sup> protested to the PA superior Court.

The Superior Court ruled the sentence invalid.

The DA wants Wingard brought back to jail in PA.

The Mass. govt. implied that if two PA State Police arrived in Mass. and brought Wingard back without the extradition process the PA State Police would be arrested for kidnapping.

The Clarion DA is now trying to go through the legal work necessary to legally return Wingard to a PA jail.

I again Thanked Joe Agnello for keeping the BSA's name to as low a profile as possible.

Thought you would want to know. CHamus.

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# District Attorney Seeks Extradition

CLARION — The Clarion county district attorney said yesterday he is seeking to extradite from Massachusetts a former Limestone Township tub Scout leader serving a 5- to 10-year sentence for molesting five boys.

The focus of the extradition proceedings is Stephen E. Wingard, 40, who pleaded guilty but mentally ill to 17 morals charges filed by state police at Hipperville.

District Attorney William M. Kern's effort to have Wingard returned to Pennsylvania and remanded to the state Bureau of Corrections for further assignment stems from a November 10 ruling handed down by state Superior Court justices Harry M. Montgomery, John Kelly Jr., and Patrick Tam-

The ruling vacated a portion of the defendant's sentence or was received on April 8, 1985, from Judge Merle E. Wiser — specifically, Wiser's directive that Wingard undergo three months of inpatient treatment and up to 33 months of outpa-

tient care at Northampton (Mass.) Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The experimental treatment program at the Massachusetts VA center was suggested by Dr. Richard Houser, a psychiatrist at Oil City Area Health Center. He was one of two expert witnesses called by defense attorney H. John Drayer to testify at a January 11, 1985, hearing on Wingard's alleged mental illness.

After Wiser accepted the psychiatrist's recommendation Kern appealed Wingard's sentence to state Superior Court, claiming that Wiser violated state law in specifying an out-of-state institution as the site to which Wingard was to be committed.

In support of his arguments,

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The Derrick will not be published tomorrow in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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14 — THE DERRICK Wednesday, November 26, 1986 Oil City, Pa.

## Clarion District Attorney Seeks Man's Extradition

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Kern cited a Pennsylvania law on Judiciary and Judicial procedure which states that:

— all persons sentenced to total or partial confinement for maximum terms of five or more years shall be committed to the state Bureau of Corrections.

The Superior Court justices concurred with the DA.

"Despite his plea of guilty but mentally ill, (Wingard) should have been sentenced as any other defendant convicted of the same offenses," their opinion states.

The justices added, "Although (Wiser) could have recommended where (Wingard) received treatment for his mental illness, effectuation of his custody and treatment became the

sole concern of the Bureau of Corrections once sentence was imposed.

"When a sentence is found to be illegal, this court may either remand for resentencing or vacate and amend directly. We elect the latter option. (Wingard) is to be returned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania forthwith and placed in the custody of the Bureau of Corrections for appropriate placement until the expiration of his aggregate sentence of imprisonment."

The DA, meanwhile, has been forced to initiate "somewhat cumbersome" extradition proceedings to fulfill the state Superior Court order because authorities in Massachusetts won't let Wingard go without an extradition order signed by their governor.

"This is a unique situation in that Wingard is not a fugitive from justice," Kern explained. "Technically, he is serving a sentence."

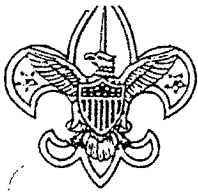
The DA said Wingard's extradition "could take a month or so."

And because Wiser's commitment of Wingard to the Massachusetts VA center has been deemed illegal by Superior Court, Kern noted the defendant could be facing a full five to ten-year incarceration once he's returned to Pennsylvania.

"It's beyond my control, but I'm going to presume (Wingard) will not get credit for the time he has spent on the street," Kern stated.

The state Sentencing Code provides that a person convicted of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse when the victim is under age 16 must receive a mandatory prison term of not less than five years. Wingard's case fell under those guidelines.

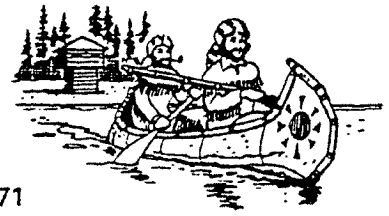




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May 5, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
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National Council  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report from Charles J. Keener, District Executive from the district that Stephen E. Wingard was from.

I thought it would be easier for you to just look at it yourself and have all the facts.

Sincerely,

William J. Moran  
Council Executive

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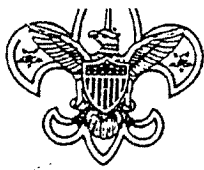
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April 24, 1986

Mr. William J. Moran  
Scout Executive  
French Creek Council, No 532

Personal AND Confidential

Subject: Stephen E. Wingard

Dear Bill:

In order to update you and provide some information to forward to Paul Ernst, I talked with William C. Fiscus this evening. Bill is highly involved in this case as he is:

- A. The arresting officer ( PA State Trooper & Fire Marshall)
- B. Executive officer of the chartered organization for Pack and Troop 49- the Limestone Vol. Fire Co.
- C. The Col. Drake District Advancement Co-Chairman

The initial court hearing in Clarion County, PA resulted in Mr. Wingard submitting a plea bargain: he pleaded guilty to charges of corrupting the morals of a minor and in turn was ordered to undergo rehabilitation at a facility in Massachusetts. Apparently, this Mass. facility specializes in cases of this sort. He currently is at that facility.

Just within the past two weeks, the Clarion District Attorney has appealed to the PA State Superior Court to overturn this plea-bargain arrangement and return Mr. Wingard to Clarion County to stand trial again and be sent to actual prison.

Any action on this case will take at least another 6-8 months. A side-note is that the D.A. and the Clarion County Judge do not see eye-to-eye on "justice" as this is the second ( and there may be more) case in recent months that the D.A. has appealed to Superior Court to reverse what have been relatively soft sentences. I have seen nothing about this appeal to Superior Court in the local newspaper, and as State Trooper Fiscus related, this has just happened in the last two weeks.

I will keep you advised of anything else I find out.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Keener  
District Executive

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*David F. Megnin*

ATTORNEY AT LAW

FILE

*Meredith House*

201 SOUTH MCKEAN STREET  
KITTANNING, PENNSYLVANIA 16201

(412) 543-2020

23 April 1986

James M. Gentry  
Route 3, Box 283A  
Rawlings, MD 21557

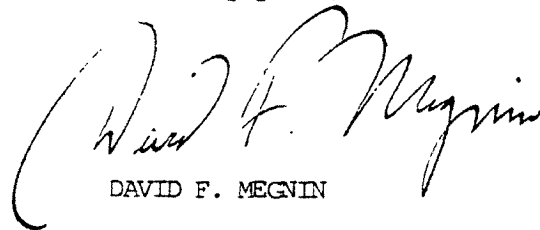
Dear Jim:

I am writing to follow up the matter which we discussed at the Moraine Trails Council dinner on Thursday, 17 April 1986. The name of the individual who perpetrated the sexual abuse is Steven Wingard. He was associated with Troop 49 which is sponsored by Limestone Township Volunteer Fire Company. The incidents with which he was charged took place between February and November 1983. A total of five boys had been victimized.

I spoke with Bill Fiscus who is a member of the Pennsylvania State Police, Shipperville barracks, and also President of the Limestone Township Volunteer Fire Company and head of the troop committee. He informed me that the parents of one of the boys had contacted him one evening and informed him of what their son had told them and that the next morning he had notified the Council office in Erie and that evening had delivered to Wingard a letter from the Council removing him from all scouting activities. He was of the opinion that the Regional office and the National office would have been notified of this incident and expressed surprise that you were unaware of it.

If there is anything else which you want me to look into concerning this matter, please let me know. In the meantime, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
DAVID F. MEGNIN

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F. STARON

MAY 19 1986

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Plaintiff's Exhibit 101

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Mr. C

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COUNCIL # 532

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CALLER: Bill Moran

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LTR OF 3-17-86

STEVEN WINGARD

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NAME Mary E.  
DATE 4-28  
TIME 10:35

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March 17, 1986

Mr. William J. Moran  
Scout Executive  
French Creek Council, No. 532

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Stephen E. Wingard

Dear Bill:

Quite sometime ago we had communication concerning Stephen E. Wingard. It was indicated that this individual had been arrested and was awaiting trial on charges of corrupting the morals of a minor.

We would like to have final disposition on this case so that we may close our file. Please let us know if a trial took place and the final outcome and sentencing.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
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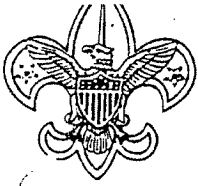
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June 21, 1984

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service  
SUM 0108  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

*CLARE*

Dear Paul:

Attached is additional requested information on Stephen E. Wingard.  
Please note that the first name is spelled differently than on the  
original info sent to you.

If any other info is needed, please let me know. When the trial  
is completed I will send you the final disposition.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Zack  
Council Executive

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June 7, 1984

Mr. Edward R. Zack  
Scout Executive  
French Creek Council, No. 532

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steven E. Wingard

Dear Ed:

This is a follow up concerning Steven E. Wingard.

We would like the confidential record sheet which we are again enclosing completed to the best of your ability. This will enable us to identify Mr. Wingard wherever he might move.

We know that you will send the information concerning the trial when this had been completed. The final sentencing is helpful in our files.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Attachment

cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE  
JUN 11 1984  
DAWN HARDELL

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May 2, 1984

CO. 532

Mr. Edward R. Zack  
Scout Executive  
French Creek Council, No. 532

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ed:

Thank you for the information concerning Steven E. Wingard. We appreciate this information and hope you will give us the sentencing which has been decreed after the trial is completed.

We are also enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like for you to complete. This will enable us to identify Mr. Wingard and refuse registration wherever he might move in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
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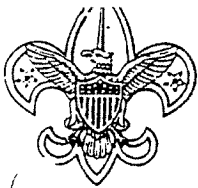
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Enclosure

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April 25, 1984

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription & Statistical  
Services  
SUM No. 0108  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America

Dear Paul:

Attached is information on a Steven E. Wingard who was suspended by our council on March 28, 1984.

We are gathering more specific information as requested on the Identification Questionnaire and when received I will forward it immediately.

If anything else is needed other than this, please let me know at once.

Sincerely,

*E. R. Zack*  
Edward R. Zack  
Council Executive

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Oil City, Pa. Saturday, April 14, 1984 THE DERRICK - 3

# Special Olympics

Venango County is part of Area B which also includes schools from Forest, Clarion, and Jefferson counties. She said that any interested student is permitted to participate in the state meet. However, for the state meet, a committee determines the individuals who advance to the state level, said Davis. She explained that participants must be 12 years of age and those selected are the ones "who they feel will benefit the most emotionally, socially...". The Special Olympics, a selection Kennedy Foundation which was established in 1968. It has now evolved into an international event. Smith, head of the special education department at Oil City High School, said that Venango County held its first Special Olympics in 1973. Smith, head of the special education department at Oil City High School, said that Venango County held its first Special Olympics in 1973. Smith, head of the special education department at Oil City High School, said that Venango County held its first Special Olympics in 1973.

## Hearing Continued On Morals Charges

CLARION — A preliminary hearing for a Clarion Township man facing two sets of morals charges has been scheduled April 19.

The charges, filed by state police at Shipperville, stem from the defendant's alleged sexual involvement with juvenile boys.

The defendant, 38-year-old Stephen E. Wingard of Summerville RD 2, was arrested on March 30.

One set of charges includes two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, four counts of indecent assault and three counts of corruption of minors.

The charges stem from alleged incidents over a period of time dating from last spring.

On April 9, the defendant was arrested again, this time charged with three counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, four counts of indecent assault and two counts of corruption of minors.

Wingard remains free on a \$15,000 property bond set by District Justice Alta Laverne Hamilton.

## Program Set For Tonight

Mission Possible will have its monthly program at 7:30 pm today at its Elk City facility located on Route 208 between Knox and Shipperville. The message will be given by Rev. Jack Brown of Community Bible Church in Williamsburg.

Other ministers participating will be Rev. Linda Chambers from Pine City United Methodist Church, Rev. Lila Kuip from Independent Assembly of God Church in Knox and Rev. Fred Drayer of Mission Possible.

Music and songs will be provided by Mission Possible. Pine City United Methodist



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# Former Scout Leader Held On Morals Charges

ION — A Limestone Township man of engaging in sexual relations with young boys was held for court yesterday for a preliminary hearing.

One of the boys had been members of his scout group.

John E. Wingard, 38, of Summerville RD was held on five counts of indecent assault, two counts of corruption of minors, and two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.

The hearing was held before District Justice Jerome Hamilton.

Charges on which Wingard was bound to appear were filed by state police at Shippenville. The indictment alleged sexual contact with four juveniles in incidents dating back

to last spring.

The four boys were members of Wingard's Webelos group. Two are 12 years old, one is 11 and one is 10.

Wingard had faced three counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, three counts of indecent assault and one count of corruption of minors in connection with his alleged sexual contact with a second 11-year-old who was not a Scout.

Hamilton, however, dismissed those charges after the alleged victim testified that Wingard's four contacts with him occurred one year earlier than the dates listed on the indictment.

Recounting his first alleged experience with the defendant, the youth testified that Win-

gard "came into the room, pulled down my pajamas and started to touch me."

The youth described an incident which he said took place while he was staying at Wingard's home with the defendant's son in late summer or early fall 1982.

Police had charged that the contacts had occurred in late summer or early fall 1983.

Hamilton noted it was not necessary that each of the boys remember exact dates or even exact months in testifying about their experiences, but said a discrepancy of one full year was too much in a legal case.

Trooper Ralph B. Pfaff, arresting officer, said he will re-file the charges after consultations with District Attorney William M. Kern.

The involuntary deviate sexual intercourse charges reflect alleged acts of oral sex.

In other instances where police believe Wingard touched the alleged victims, indecent assault charges were filed.

For his alleged contact with the 11-year-old, Wingard was held for trial on one count each of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault and corruption of minors.

For his alleged contact with one of the 12-year-olds, Wingard was held for trial on two counts of indecent assault and one count of corruption of minors.

For his alleged contact with the second 12-year-old, Wingard was held for trial on one count each of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault and corruption of minors.

And for his alleged contact with the 10-year-old, Wingard was held for trial on one count each of indecent assault and corruption of minors.

Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse is a first-degree felony which carries a maximum penalty of not more than 20 years in jail and a \$25,000 fine.

Corruption of minors is a first-degree misdemeanor which carries a maximum sentence of not more than five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Indecent assault is a second-degree misdemeanor which carries a maximum sentence of not more than two years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Wingard, an employee of C&K Coal Company, remains free on \$15,000 bond. The defendant, who has been dismissed from his Scouting position, was represented at yesterday's hearing by Clarion attorney H. John Drayer.

Kern, who presented the prosecution's case, said he expected Wingard would be scheduled for trial in July or August.

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