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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
 REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE  
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE JUNE 24, 1971

FULL NAME Dewey J. Zeart  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 1225 Market Street

CITY Berwick STATE Pa. ZIP CODE 18603

AGE 40 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION PROTESTANT NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION Works in plastic container moulding operations - Berwick.

EDUCATION H.S. Graduate - Attended Columbia Technical Institute Wash. D.C.

WEIGHT 220 COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT 6'

COLOR OF HAIR GRAY-BLACK COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN 3. John 21(?) James 15(?) Gayle 18(?)  
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME Eldred L. Zeart

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-12	Berwick	Pa.	S.M.	1950(?) Approx	6/10/71

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Scouter's Key Vigil Honor O/A - Silver Beaver - Nat. Tamboree  
Leader - 1964 - Nat. O/A conference, Indiana - Bloomington

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Due to personal statements by three boys from his Troop, signed also by their parents, and subsequent confrontation of these statements with his Pastor + I.R. where he willingly resigned rather than face court action by these parents.

Signed Winthrop C. Taylor  
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Columbia - Montour

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June 29, 1971

Mr. Winthrop C. Taylor  
Scout Executive  
Columbia-Montour Council, No504

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Dewey J. Zeart

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your thorough and detailed follow-through on the Dewey J. Zeart case. This additional information will certainly be most important for future reference and will serve to strengthen our position, should Mr. Zeart ever again attempt to register in the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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# Boy Scouts of America

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June 14, 1971

Wesley Parker, A.R.S.E.  
Region III B. S. A.  
200 Strafford Bldg - #2  
200 Eagle Road  
Wayne, Pa. 19087

Dear Wes:

Pursuant to our conversation at Camp Lavigne on Saturday, June 12th, 1971, I am submitting the following report and recommendation.

On Thursday, June 3rd, I received a call from Terry Knouse, D.S.E., Iroquois District, about charges against a Dewey Zeart, Scoutmaster of Troop 12, sponsored by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Berwick, Pa.

On Friday, June 4th, Terry and I went to a meeting in a home in Nescopeck, Pa. Three boys with their parents were present. Terry and I interviewed each boy separately and took down his statement in writing. We then read it back to him and he signed it. After all three Statements were made and signed, we excused the boys and had the parents each read and sign that these statements were the same as told to them. They agreed if Dewey would resign from Scouting, they would not prosecute, otherwise they would. Terry, his Roundtable A.D.C. for Scouting, Robert Orner and I all witnessed these signatures.

On Monday I had an original and 4 copies of each statement prepared and then set up a meeting with the I. R. (also a board member) and the Pastor, Roy Mosteller and Rev. Robert H. Sternat respectively, and reviewed the statements with them. This was done on Wednesday, June 9th. They agreed to meet with me and Dewey the next evening after Troop meeting.

On Thursday evening, June 10th, 1971, we met with Dewey. He tried to disavow any of it but when faced with the decision to resign or fight it in Court with the boys and their parents, he readily signed the resignation which I had prepared (copy of which is enclosed.)



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Wesley Parker

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June 14, 1971

After the meeting both the Pastor and the I. R. agreed with me that there must be truth in the boys' statements or he wouldn't have resigned so readily.

It is my recommendation that this man, Dewey Zeart, be placed on our confidential file list as an undesirable and be dropped from all Scouting affiliation and activity.

Very sincerely yours,

*Winthrop C. Taylor*

Winthrop C. Taylor  
Scout Executive

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Date June 10, 1971

Dewey J. Zeart  
1225 Market Street  
Berwick, Pa. 18603

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

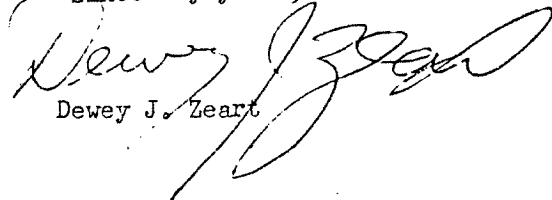
Scout Executive, Institution Head, Institutional  
Representative, Chairman of Troop #12 Committee.

Dear Sirs:

Due to personal reasons I am this date resigning from all affiliation  
with the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow, Troop 12 and any  
other Scouting activity.

This resignation is to be effective immediately with the signing  
of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dewey J. Zeart

WITNESSED BY:

(Name)	<u>R. A. Prestel</u>	Position	<u>Institutional Rep</u>
(Name)	<u>Robert H. Starnet</u>	Position	<u>Partner</u>
(Name)	<u>Winthrop C. Taylor</u>	Position	<u>Scout Executive</u>



June 4, 1971

STATEMENT BY [REDACTED]

At - Pre-Camporee - Location Camp Lanning outside Nescopeck.

Dewey was talking about sperm and boys are jacking off. Burned his own hand so he would be sick so he wouldn't have to be a part of this.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then ran away. [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED] played along with the act.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Scout)

PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
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WITNESSED THIS DATE - June 4, 1971

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ORIGINAL SIGNED AND  
WITNESSED STATEMENT

[Redacted Name]

July 12

Been on trip for about three years.  
One of the things I have done is to take some of the things

that I have found in rocks. Most of the things I have found are small things  
that I have found in the rocks. I have found some things that I have not seen before.  
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[Redacted Name]

Witnessed this date June 4, 1971

Winthrop C. Taylor, Scout Executive  
Thomas J. ... Executive  
Robert E. ... R.C.

June 4, 1971

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

Been in Troop 12 for about three years.

Place - Dec. Or Jan. Winter Camp - Camp Lavigne - Memorial Lodge

Only Dewey & I in Lodge. Made [REDACTED] lay on top of Dewey while he moved. Dewey asked [REDACTED] to blow him for a dollar.

Place - Camp Lavigne

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on another trip. Dewey grabbed [REDACTED] and made him put his hand down Dewey's pants and then Dewey did the same to [REDACTED]. Many of the boys played along with this. Then many occurrences have been going on for at least two years.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Scout)

PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed this date - June 4, 1971

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[Redacted]

July 12

I am in [Redacted] [Redacted]

When [Redacted] - [Redacted] [Redacted] & [Redacted]  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

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Witnessed this date June 4, 1971

Winthrop C. Taylor, Scout Executive  
Thomas J. [Redacted] Scout Executive  
Robert E. [Redacted] S.C.

June 4, 1971

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

Been in Troop 12 four or five years.

Haystacks - then stopped and showed some of the boys how to jack off such as [REDACTED] and others. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took no part of this. This has continued ever since. This incident about 4 years ago.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] and others were part of the click. Dewey always told the boys whatever you see or hear don't tell your parents 'cause it will get me trouble. He said this three or four times.

[REDACTED] just stood by and didn't say anything. Knew this was going on. [REDACTED] decided to tell after [REDACTED] burned his hand in order that he didn't have to participate, after [REDACTED] told his parents and then [REDACTED] told what has been going on.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ (Scout)

PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed this date - June 4, 1971

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January 6, 1970

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June 22, 1971

Mr. Winthrop C. Taylor  
Scout Executive  
Columbia-Montour Council, #504

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Dewey J. Zeart

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Your letter to Mr. Early concerning Dewey J. Zeart was referred to me. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. You also mention some signed statements by boys and parents which you have in your possession. We would very much appreciate having copies of these for our file. This material is essential, should Mr. Zeart attempt to register in Scouting from another council.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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Enc. Record Sheet

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Region 3 · The Strafford Bldg. · Eagle Road, Wayne, Pa. 19087 · 215 687-4200

June 16, 1971

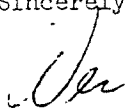
Mr. Joseph Early  
Manager  
Customer Service

Dear Joe:

Attached is a statement regarding a morals case from Scout Executive of the Columbia-Montour Council, Winthrop C. Taylor. I have reviewed this matter carefully with Win and we are assured that he has sufficient facts on file to bring charges against the individual and obtain a conviction.

Win requests that the suspect be placed in the confidential file and I so support his recommendation.

Sincerely,

  
Wesley Parker, Assistant  
Regional Executive

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Att.

Copy: Mr. Winthrop C. Taylor

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