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SHORT, MARK THOMAS '71

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 16, 1971

FULL NAME Mark Thomas Short (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS Box 172

CITY Millersburg, STATE Indiana ZIP CODE 46543

AGE 28 (8/1/42) (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION NATIONALITY

OCCUPATION Clerk - Indiana State Police, (located at Legionier, Ind.) 7-1/2 years.

EDUCATION Colleges: Indiana Central; Indiana U Campus.

WEIGHT 160 COLOR HEIGHT 5 - 9-1/2

COLOR OF HAIR COLOR OF EYES

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT # CITY STATE OFFICE DATE REGISTERED DATE RESIGNED CM, ASM, Pack Comm - where ?

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Previous address: 111- /2 W. Wilden Ave., Goshen, Ind. Soc. Sec. No. [REDACTED]

"Discharged" by Indiana State Police "Admitted to molesting boys" Re: Earl [REDACTED] SE, at Michigan City, Ind.

Signed Burns W Powell SCOUT EXECUTIVE ARE REGION SEVEN

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May 4, 1971

Mr. Burns W. Powell
Asst. Regional Executive
Region Seven

Personal and Confidential
Re: Mark Thomas Short

Dear Mr. Powell:

Thank you for your letter of April 20 and the enclosed confidential record sheet concerning Mark Thomas Short. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

This additional information will enable us to identify Mr. Short, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

April 20, 1971

Mr. Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

Dear Mr. Ernst:

As you requested, attached is the filled out
confidential reference sheet on Mark Thomas Short.

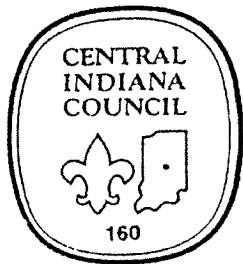
Sincerely,

BURNS W. POWELL
Asst. Regional Executive

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April 26, 1971

Mr. Paul Ernest, Supervisor
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Mr. Ernst:

I received a call from Earl L. Brandy, Scout Executive of Michigan City, at my office stating they had an applicant by the name of Mark Thoms Short who was interested in professional Scouting. This applicant had been a member of the State Highway Patrol and Mr. Brandy had received an unfavorable reply to a reference letter sent to the State Highway Patrol. Earl also stated he had called them and they refused to talk to him over the phone about this man. He therefore asked if we could make a contact as he wanted to give Mr. Short an answer that afternoon.

All this information was given to my secretary, Mrs. Soroko. She called me out of a staff meeting to tell me about it, with the result I called the State Highway Patrol, identified myself, explained more in detail what was going on, and the only answer I received was "Mr. Short had been dismissed from the State Highway Patrol and that there was a moral issue involved. The man I talked to had boys in Scouting and said he would not want Mr. Short active with his boys." He would not give us any kind of written statement. He said the results which ended in dismissal were confidential and this was all he would say.

I then called Earl and reported my conversation. Earl evidently decided he had better not hire the man.

I do not have any more information than that stated above and the Highway Patrol will not give us any written statement.

Best personal regards,

Frank M. Chase, S.E.
FMC:dms
cc to Burns Powell, A.R.S.E.

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April 12, 1971

Mr. Burns W. Powell
Assistant Regional Executive
Region Seven

Personal and Confidential
Re: Mark Thomas Short

Dear Mr. Powell:

In response to your letter of March 17 to Earl Krall, enclosed are copies of letter we sent to Frank Chase & Earl Brandt. Meanwhile, we are enclosing a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible.

Your reasons for placing Mr. Short on the Confidential File are sound but we do need the supporting statements from Mr. Chase and Mr. Brandt. This information is most important, should this man try to register from some other council.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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Enc. Record Sheet

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April 12, 1971

Mr. Earl L. Brandt
Scout Executive
Pottawattomie Council, No. 731

Personal and Confidential
Re: Mark Thomas Short

Dear Mr. Brandt:

We recently received a letter from Burns Powell, Assistant Regional Executive, concerning Mark T. Short. Mr. Powell stated that you had a confrontation with this man and we would appreciate it very much if you could send us a detailed letter concerning this meeting.

Mr. Powell has asked us to place Mr. Short on the Confidential File and we need more substantiating material in order to do this. Your letter and any other material relative to this case, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
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March 17, 1971

Mr. Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration and Subscription

Dear Earl:

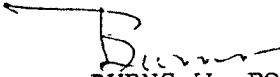
Personal and Confidential
re Mark T. Short

What kind of documentation is required to establish a confidential file on this man? The Scout Executive at Indianapolis, Frank Chase, talked to the State Police at the headquarters in Indianapolis. They said the man had habits and traits of character undesirable in our movement, and he confessed to the Scout Executive at Michigan City, Indiana, who interviewed him, that he had been involved in acts of perversion. This is enough for us to not consider him for professional Scouting.

I don't know whether the State Police will put anything in writing. They wouldn't talk over the telephone. That's why we had Frank Chase contact them.

Sincerely,

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BURNS W. POWELL
Asst. Regional Executive

cc Mr. Ebert May

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March 1, 1971

Mr. Burns W. Powell
Assistant Regional Executive
Region Seven

Personal and Confidential
Re: Mark Thomas Short

Dear Burns:

Ebert May has shared with me your letter concerning Mark Thomas Short. I can readily understand your not approving this young man for the profession.

However, when we talk about the Confidential File, this is an entirely different matter. From the information you have provided in your letter of February 24, I cannot establish a Confidential File for Mark Thomas Short. In order to refuse this man's registration in a volunteer Scouter capacity, I need to have specific concrete evidence of what he has done wrong. If you can provide some specifics, we will consider establishing a Confidential File. Otherwise, I will have to forget the whole thing.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director
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February 24, 1971

Mr. Ebert May
Director
Personnel Division

Dear Ebert:

Mark Thomas Short, whose application we processed to the point of approval and use, should have his name in our confidential file. Just prior to having him sign a contract, the Scout Executive at Michigan City, Indiana, Earl Brandt, was informed by the Indiana State Police that Short should not be employed. In a confrontation with him, Brandt says that Short stated that he did commit improper approaches to individuals "while intoxicated."

He was not on the council payroll. We expect no further problem. He was checked out with local State Police in Elkhart by Scout Executive Graham Howard prior to his application being approved. Frank Chase, Scout Executive at Indianapolis, was good enough to check it out with the authorities in the State House in Indianapolis because they would not put it in writing or talk over the telephone.

Sincerely,

bwp/eh

Burns
BURNS W. POWELL
Asst. Regional Executive

cc Mr. I. Scullin
Mr. D. Hamrick

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