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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
 REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE  
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 5, 1977

FULL NAME Larry W. Reid  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 308 North Walnut

CITY Cleburne STATE Texas ZIP CODE 76031

DATE OF BIRTH 6-16-52 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY United States

OCCUPATION Electrician's Helper

EDUCATION High School - Some college

WEIGHT 160# Medium build COLOR White HEIGHT 5'10"

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:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Troop 811	Cleburne	Texas	ASM	2-28-77	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Eagle Scout - O.A. Vigil

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW) | <input type="checkbox"/> UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS          |

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

I had phone conversation with Paul Ernst March 17, 1977, and covered the attached statements with him. Mr. Ernst stated that the letter (attached) be prepared and delivered to Mr. Reid.

*N. E. D.*  
 AUG 25 1977  
 JOSEPH L. ANGLIN

Signed *Jack C. Keeton D.F.S.*  
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
 Jack C. Keeton  
 Council LONCHORN

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SCOUTING/USA

November 20, 1978

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Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration and Subscription Service  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping that appeared in the Fort Worth Star Telegram regarding Larry Wayne Reid. This clipping should be placed in the file you have concerning Mr. Reid.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Most sincerely,

T. J. Van Houten  
Acting Scout Executive

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Enclosure

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7 years given

THE SOURCE

STEPHEN HILL - Applied for and  
seven-year prison sentence was given to  
Larry Wayne Hill, 26, in Cook County  
Court Wednesday after he pleaded guilty  
to killing a 16-year-old youth last year.

District Judge Herman K. ...  
have sentenced Hill to ...  
prison and could have had ...

Investigators said the ...  
involving the youth had occurred ...  
December.

77 ...

September 2, 1977

Mr. T. J. Van Houten  
Scout Executive  
Longhorn Council, No. 582

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Larry W. Reid

Dear T. J. :

We have again reviewed this case with our Attorney and the latest information you supplied completed this case. We have now placed this man on our file..Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

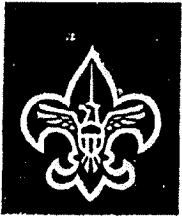
Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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SCOUTING/USA

July 28, 1977

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service  
National Council, BSA  
North Brunswick, N. J. 08902

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Larry W. Reid

Dear Paul:

Re your letter of June 24, 1977.

The review meeting regarding Larry W. Reid was conducted on May 3, 1977.  
Attending were:

Lloyd Flood	Council President
Sam Callaway	Council Attorney
John Barry Hubbard	Executive Board Member
Jack Keeton	Scout Executive
T. J. Van Houten	Director Field Service

All documents were reviewed. These documents were the same that you now have in Mr. Reid's file.

Following the review of documents, the committee agreed with the decision made to suspend Mr. Reid's membership. A letter was prepared to Mr. Reid notifying him of the review committee's decision, and informing Mr. Reid that he had two options.

Option A was to appear before the review committee in person. Option B was to request a review with the Region.

This letter was hand delivered to Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid stated that he did not wish to exercise either of the two (2) options offered to him and would not seek involvement in Scouting anymore.

I hope this information is sufficient to complete the report on Mr. Reid. If not, let me know.

Sincerely,



T. J. Van Houten  
Director Field Service

cc: Jack Keeton

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June 24, 1977

Mr. T. J. Van Houten  
Director of Field Service  
Longhorn Council, No. 582

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Larry W. Reid

Dear T. J.:

We have now reviewed the complete file which you sent us with our attorney. This gave us much information and has pretty well showed us the case except for a little information which the attorney would still like.

He has asked that I request a copy of any minutes of the review meeting which you have held in your Council. It would also be helpful to know what records were looked at at that time and if any people were interviewed.

Perhaps you also know by now whether Mr. Reid is pursuing a review through the Region. All of this information would be helpful in completing our file.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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SCOUTING/USA

May 17, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Subscription  
National Council, B.S.A.  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul,

I am returning all the documentation regarding Mr. Larry Reid.

The Longhorn Council, at the request of Mr. Reid, conducted a review of the decision to suspend his application. The committee upheld the suspension and has so informed Mr. Reid. In the letter to Mr. Reid notifying him of the committee's decision, he was informed that he could request a review by the Region. I have sent through Bill Hofmann, to Glendon Johnson, a copy of the last letter.

As far as I can determine this should complete our actions.

Sincerely,

T. J. VanHouten  
Director of Field Service

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May 17, 1977

Mr. William H. Hofmann  
Regional Director  
South Central Region  
Boy Scouts of America  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Bill,

The BCC enclosed is through you to Glendon.

Mr. Larry Reid was suspended from Scouting due to improper conduct with boys.

Mr. Reid requested a review by the Longhorn Council, which was done. His next contact will be with the Region if he desires to pursue this matter.

I am returning all documentation to Paul Ernst.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

T. J. VanHouten  
Director of Field Service

TJVH:jw

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May 16, 1977

Mr. Larry Reid  
308 North Walnut  
Cleburne, Texas 76031

Dear Mr. Reid,

In my letter to you dated April 25, 1977, I informed you that I would appoint a committee to review the statements that were received by the Longhorn Council that led to your suspension from the Boy Scouts of America.

This committee met and reviewed the statements as well as your letter to me and following this review have arrived at the following decision.

"After a careful review of the written statements concerning the conduct of Mr. Larry Reid, this committee supports the decision of the suspension of Mr. Reid's membership in the Boy Scouts of America."

There will be no further action on this matter unless you specifically and formally request to personally appear before the committee or you may write the Regional President.....Mr. Glendon E. Johnson, Regional President  
South Central Region, Boy Scouts of America  
One Moody Plaza  
Galveston, Texas.....explaining in detail why  
you feel this committee's decision is in error, and request a review by the Region.

I would appreciate you informing me of your decision.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Flood  
President

LF:jw

BCC: Through William Hofmann to Mr. Glendon Johnson  
Gene Buie

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April 25, 1977

Mr. Larry Reid  
308 North Walnut  
Cleburne, Texas 76031

Dear Mr. Reid,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 11, 1977 requesting a review of the suspension of your membership in the Boy Scouts of America.

As President of the Longhorn Council, I will appoint a review committee to consider all aspects of this matter.

My letter of March 17 to you was delayed for several reasons.

- A. The letter was to be hand delivered.
- B. The meeting you had with Mr. Gene Bule and Mr. T. J. VanHouten for them to deliver the letter occurred as soon as the three of you were all available.

As was explained to you by Mr. Bule and Mr. VanHouten, statements were received by the Longhorn Council and were transmitted to the National Council.

The National Council recommended the suspension. I hasten to point out suspension not termination.

We have requested that the statements be returned for review by the committee I will appoint.

As soon as possible this committee will be in contact with you.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Flood  
President

LF:jw

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11 Apr 77

Larry W. Reid  
308 N. Walnut  
Cleburne, Tx 76031

Dear Mr. Flood,

In response to your letter of 14 Mar 77. I am writing this letter. It may be a long one.

1. I do not know of the facts except for hearsay, as to why I should not be a Scout leader.
2. I would like to know the facts first hand, as to the where, who, and when the charges were to have happened.
3. I would like to clear my name.
4. I am sending you two items, which mean more to me than anything else except my bible. If I am not to be a leader, I do not want anything that will remind me of my scouting experiences.
5. I was also sent to court, tried, and convicted, and sentenced, before I could even give my side and present a defense.
6. I have talked to many people about this, and I am told that it is a conspiracy to get me out of Scouting, because I am a radical.
7. I can not even give a defense, because I do not know for sure what I was supposed to have done.
8. I have decided even if I clear my name, which I think I will do, I will never again be active in scouting again, because of No. 5.
9. I was not given a letter from you till the 5th of Apr, which was dated the 14th of Mar. I can tell by the letter that action must have started before the first of the year. I do not like this, and I do not think that it is Scout Like.
10. I have been in Scouting since the age of 8, attained the rank of Eagle at the age of 14, and received my vigil last year. I served in the Army for three years. You an ~~XXXXX~~ contact transatlantic council as to my service to scouting in Germany. If not, I will tell you myself. I can tell you some instances that happen while I was in the service, that I think can help prove my innocence.
11. Also, you may not know this, but right around the time you wrote your letter, there was a meeting here in Cleburne to discuss me. All the leaders in scouting here in Cleburne were asked to be there. They were told what was supposed to have happened. I have tried to talk to a couple of these persons, and they will not even talk to me. I do not think this is fair, as I have not presented a defense. They have not heard my side of the accusations. They also have sent me to court and tried and convicted and sentenced me. Some of these men are supposed to be Christians and serve the Lord. If, this is so, why are they this way. I know we are all only human. But, why?
12. I in no way want to hurt the name of Scouting, and in ~~XXXX~~ no way, will I take any of the people who have made these accusations to court, as I know what it might do to scouting.

*Larry W. Reid*

*Please keep this as confidential as possible, I have already been hurt enough.*

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## -MEMORANDUM-

DATE: April 8, 1977  
FROM: T. J. Van Houten  
SUBJECT: VISIT TO LARRY REID

On Wednesday evening April 5, 1977, 7:15 p.m., Mr. Gene Buie, District Chairman Santa Fe District, and I met with Larry Reid. The purpose of the visit was to hand deliver a letter to Mr. Reid suspending his resignation as a volunteer leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Reid was very nervous as we started the meeting.

Mr. Buie told Mr. Reid that the letter being delivered was drawn after the Longhorn Council had received and transmitted complaints against Mr. Reid for improper conduct with youth members.

Mr. Reid read the letter; Mr. Reid then stated that he was not guilty of the complaints and would like to know the names, dates, etc. of the supposed occurrences that caused the complaints to be lodged.

Mr. Buie explained to Mr. Reid that the information received by the Longhorn Council was confidential and would be treated as such.

Mr. Buie then explained to Mr. Reid that if he denied the complaints, then he should write Mr. Lloyd Flood, Council President, and state his denial and ask for a complete investigation and review..

Mr. Reid then stated that he would write Mr. Flood requesting the hearing.

Throughout the meeting, Mr. Reid appeared to be nervous and quite concerned about the rumors that were circulating in Cleburne.

Mr. Buie encouraged Mr. Reid to promptly request the hearing from Mr. Flood so that the rumors could possibly be eliminated.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 p.m. Mr. Reid expressed his thanks to Mr. Buie and myself for taking the time to visit with him.

*T. J. Van Houten 4/8/77*

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-PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL-

April 8, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Subscription  
National Council, B.S.A.  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

The enclosed statement regarding Larry Reid should complete our report to you.

As outlined in my statement, Mr. Reid will probably challenge the charges. I will contact you at such time if this occurs.

Sincerely,

T. J. Van Houten  
Director of Field Services

TJVH:mrh

cc: Jack Keeton

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MEMORANDUM

Around 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 31, 1977 I received a telephone call from Mr. Gene Buie, District Chairman of the Santa Fe District.

Mr. Buie stated that he had just received a phone call from Larry Reid. Mr. Reid was very upset and crying and told Mr. Buie that he was going to kill himself. Mr. Buie reasoned with Mr. Reid but did not know if he (Buie) was being heard. The conversation ended with Mr. Reid again saying he was going to kill himself.

I then called Ed Rogers, District Executive of Santa Fe District and asked Ed to try and locate Mr. Reid.

Ed was in Glen Rose and left immediately for Cleburne. Ed alerted the police and I told them of the situation. A short time later Ed found Mr. Reid and in conversation with Rod Cotton managed to calm Mr. Reid down.

When Mr. Buie and I met with Mr. Reid on Tuesday, April 5, 1977, Mr. Reid stated that he had acquired a gun and was about to commit suicide. However, after he thought about it he changed his mind.

T. J. VanHouten  
Director of Field Service

TJVH:jw

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March 17, 1977

Mr. Larry W. Reid  
308 North Walnut  
Cleburne, Texas 76031

Dear Mr. Reid:

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 yours,

Lloyd H. Flood  
Council President

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3/12/77

On Thursday 3/10/77 I learned from my wife that [REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED] who is a scout in W.P. Ed. Reeds troop had called stating she had learned from her son that Larry Reid had sexually molested her son (age 12) while on a trip to the Easter Pageant in Lawton, Oklahoma last year.

She said she went to the Johnson county District Attorney to press charges against Larry Reid but was told they couldn't, since the alleged offence occurred in Oklahoma.

I questioned my son, [REDACTED] (age 15) to see if he knew anything about it. He said that Larry had made advances toward him on one occasion while on a fishing trip together. He said he protested and called Larry a "Queer" and that Larry apologized and said he was sorry and would not do it again.

He [REDACTED] said that nearly all  
 the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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2. incidents that also involved 2 other boys in the troop, but he did not name the boys. He also was of the belief that two or three other boys have left the troop because of Larry Reid being connected with it.

I have been aware that Larry seldom, if ever, dated or associated with women of his age, but never thought of him having homosexual tendencies.

If these charges are true, and I believe they probably are, I am for asking Larry Reid for his resignation from scouting and pray that he will seek professional help.

May God help us,

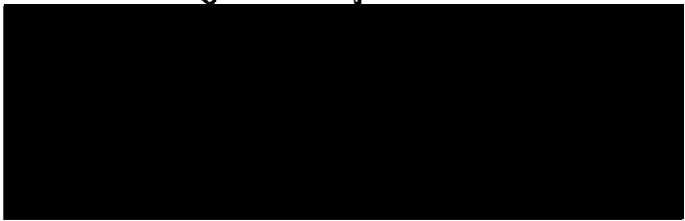
[REDACTED] S.M.-T-811

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All I know is what my boss told me. Stories about pats, funny remarks, and dirty quins. So my knowledge nothing has happened around me. One boy who transferred from Troop # 811 told about some pictures another boy took at the last Easter Pageant (1976). I called this boy's house to talk to him. His mother asked what I wanted and I told her I was checking on Larry because he was joining our troop. His mother said her son told some stories to her about Larry. She said not to use their name, no matter what. Later when I talked to the boy he denied having any but offered some stories.

As I say I can only offer what I have been told to me by my boss.



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To whom It May Concern: 3/11/77

One weekend on New Year's night at Shular Point. Troop 678, that I was a part of, went on a camp out. That night Larry Peir came to my tent and told me that his tent fell down and ask if he could share my tent because it was very cold that night. I told him he could and later that night he (Larry Peir) made sexual advances toward me. We tried to put his hands on me and in doing so woke me up. When I realized exactly what he was trying ~~to do~~ to do I got scared and rolled out the side of the tent. I was about 13 years of age at the time.




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3-11-77

About 40 years ago, I (Porter Jones) took  
the boys of Scout Troop 678, of Circle 10  
Council on an overnight camping trip to  
Shuler point, on the lower part of Lake  
Whitney. Larry Reid had been active in  
our troop and was registered with us,  
altho he was in college - But he was at home  
for the Christmas Holidays he came along.  
During the next week two of the  
mothers called me to report that Larry  
had tried to molest the boys sexually -  
I assured the mothers that I had no  
idea such actions had taken place but  
that I would see that it did not happen  
again while I was Scoutmaster. I talked  
with Larry and told him he could not  
go on any more overnight with us and  
as long as I was Scoutmaster he did  
not return to any more scout meetings  
of our troop and I did not re-register  
him with our troop -



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3-11-77

When my son I was about 13 yr. old. The boys in his troop went on a camping trip to Lake Whitney. I can't remember the exact date. The kids were out of school for Christmas Holidays. It was about New Years when my son returned home he was very upset. He told me that Larry Reid, a boy in his troop tried to put his hands on ~~him~~ (1) his body in a way that scared him. He said that he kicked Larry away from him and crawled out from under the edge of his tent. It upset me and the next week I called the scoutmaster Mr. Jones. I explained enough that Mr. Jones assured me Larry would be going camping with the boy again

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Mar. 12, 1971

Mr T. J. Verkoutis,

Here is my son's statement  
about Larry Reid. Please do  
not use my son's name unless  
necessary

Thank you




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I am now 12 yrs old but this happened when I was 11. I am a member of troop 675. Last easter at the easter pageant we were camped on the side of a hill when Jerry Reid asked ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> to ~~the~~ sleep beside him, with I did we were in sleeping bags. Jerry Reid woke me ~~up~~ in the middle of the night & with ~~his~~ his hand down the front of my pants playing with me he asked me if it bothered ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> and I said yes so he stopped.

Mar. 12 1977



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