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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

AUG 21 1980

Date August 14, 1980

Full name Robert A. Lambert  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address P.O. Box 47 222 Newell

City DePue State Illinois Zip Code 61322

Date of birth 8/48 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 31 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Roman Catholic Nationality unknown

Occupation Elementary teacher

Education BS Degree

Weight 150 Height 5'8 Race Caucasian

Color of hair dark brown Color of eyes unknown

Outstanding characteristics or interests music, choir, band

Married or single separated Children none  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name unknown

Scouting connections:

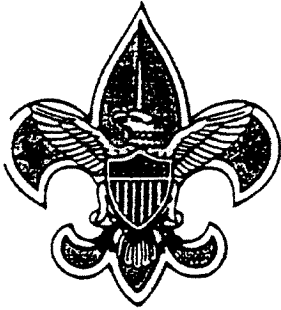
<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
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Special recognition NONE

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: ATTACHED

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council W.D. Boyce Council #138



# Boy Scouts of America

## W.D. Boyce Council No. 138

September 3, 1980

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Services  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 61030  
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, TX 75261

Dear Paul:

Reference: Robert A. Lambert

We have no further information on this individual other than a series of instances where he used poor judgment in working with youth relative to their care and safety. I concur with you that this is probably not adequate reason for refusing registration in the entire country.

If anything further develops we will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Kroehler  
Council Executive

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August 25, 1980

READY FOR FILE  
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Ralph S. Kroehler  
Scout Executive  
W. D. Boyce Council, No. 138

Dear Mr. Kroehler:

Thank you for your confidential record sheet dated August 14th for Robert A. Lambert. We are setting up a file for this individual. We would appreciate any more information which you could give us at this time.

We believe you have every justification for refusing registration in your council. We, however, believe that the case which you sent us is quite weak. If we are to refuse registration wherever the individual may move in the country, we would like for you to send us anything which you might have which will help us in strengthening the case. We agree wholeheartedly with you that the individual used very poor judgment in his relationships with youths. But a case of this type is very hard to defend, should we be brought to court.

Let me know if there are any items which we can help you with, and please send any information which is available.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Services

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Suspended registration of Robert A. Lambert for following reasons:

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Lambert began as a Webelos Leader with this Pack in August of 1979. We have no record of any previous adult registration in this Council. He assumed the Cubmaster responsibility at charter renewal in May of 1980. Prior to July of 1980 we received no indication or complaints of any abnormal activities.

Mr. Lambert had volunteered to be a non-paid volunteer assistant at our Cub Scout Day Camp program at Camp Ki-Shau-Wau the last week of the season, (July 29 to August 2) and was accepted without reservation and assigned to assist with field sports activities - i.e. B-B gun range and archery.

THE FORMAL COMPLAINT:

On Monday, August 4th, Mr. [REDACTED], Scouting Coordinator and Pack Committee Chairman of Cub Scout Pack 3885, sponsored by the PTA of Centennial School, Streator, Illinois, contacted me by telephone and requested a "personal and confidential" conference as soon as possible. Upon granting this request, Mr. [REDACTED] immediately drove to Peoria (a distance of 65 miles) to relate the following experience:

Mr. [REDACTED] had two sons at this last week of camp. While visiting the camp on parents day (Saturday) the [REDACTED] had noted a close relationship between oldest son, Webelos Scout [REDACTED] and Mr. Lambert; however, when questioned about Mr. Lambert [REDACTED] was reluctant to talk about their friendship. Finally, [REDACTED] began to relate his experience to his father, stating that Mr. Lambert had told him not to talk about it. During the week [REDACTED] had taken every free time opportunity to talk to Lambert. [REDACTED] who suffers from chronic asthma and who was in some discomfort all week even with his medication, had told Lambert about his problem.

Lambert, evidently in an effort to help the boy, suggested that [REDACTED] think about other things - the program features, the fun out-of-doors, etc. to take his mind off his pain. However, the conversation turned to mental control of pain, Lambert stating that some people can even insert pins and needles into their skin and, because of mental control, not feel any pain. [REDACTED] stated he didn't believe that and asked, "Will you put some pins in me to prove I won't feel any pain?"

Lambert assented, took [REDACTED] into the rear of his camper pickup which was parked nearby, removed [REDACTED] pants and inserted needles in [REDACTED] buttocks. [REDACTED] comment to his father was "He was right dad, I didn't feel any pain until he put alcohol (to prevent infection) on".

The [REDACTED] family doctor has confirmed that [REDACTED] has three small but deep puncture wounds in the left buttock and one in the right buttock. No additional medical attention other than cleansing the wounds was deemed necessary.

Mr. [REDACTED] deeply concerned that his son seems to think nothing of the episode, and would request to have needles inserted in his body, has already arranged for professional mental counseling for his son. [REDACTED] as of

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August 4, does not wish to institute legal proceedings against Lambert; however, he did wish to make sure we knew of the incident and, as a veteran Scouter with deep regard for the program, expressed his concern for the members of Lambert's pack.

CONFIRMATION:

A review of this complaint with Camp Director and Professional Scouter, Scott Jeffers, adds credence to the [REDACTED] episode. At mealtime [REDACTED] was missing. A camp-wide search by members of the camp staff found [REDACTED] in Lambert's camper with Lambert, although at the time no particular significance was attached.

Two other episodes occurred at camp that involved Lambert that are worthy of note:

1. A Webelos Scout, during the overnight experience, either wandered away from his cabin or locked himself out of the cabin during the night. He was returned to the group early the next morning, evidently unharmed, by Lambert who had let the boy sleep in his camper. Efforts are continuing to gain additional information of this episode.
2. Several phone calls were received by the Camp Director from the mother of [REDACTED], Illinois, (a member of Pack 3016, Peru) wanting to know how her son came by \$20.00 which he brought home from camp. A check by the director found no camper or staff member missing money but the last phone call the mother made informed them that her son had finally told her that he "won" the money in a "bet" from the man at the rifle range (Lambert). Efforts are also continuing to obtain further information on this episode.

CONCLUSION AND ACTION

These findings were reviewed with the council President, Robert S. Wilkins. Considering Mr. [REDACTED] complaint and with knowledge of his fine reputation as a Scouter and in his community, with the doctor's confirmation of the puncture wounds, and with the camp staff confirmation of finding the boy within the camper with Lambert we must conclude that such an act did take place.

In a joint decision, we concur that such an act is of an unacceptable nature for a leader in the Boy Scouts of America and that the membership of Mr. Lambert should be suspended immediately.

Therefore, following procedures outlined in Procedures For Maintaining Standards of Leadership, (BSA publication dated February 1980) a letter of suspension was prepared, signed by the president. A meeting was held with Mr. Lambert, District Executive Brian Hershey, Parish priest of St. Mary's Church, Father Fitton, and myself on Thursday, August 14th.

Following the guidelines, Mr. Lambert was not accused but was informed of the reasons for suspension, was informed of his right to request review, but firmly requested to stop all activity with Scouting.

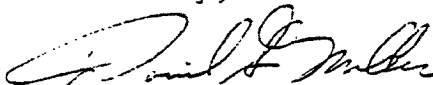
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It should be noted that during this meeting, Mr. Lambert was at first very venomous in his denials but later did admit to the act saying it was to remove splinters.

It would be the conclusion of the president and myself that unless Mr. Lambert requests review and is able to successfully gain reversal of this decision that he not be granted registration at any future date.

Sincerely,



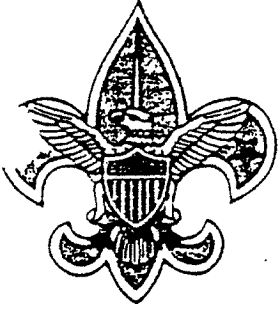
Daniel G. Miller  
Acting Scout Executive

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# Boy Scouts of America

## W.D. Boyce Council No. 138

August 14, 1980

Mr. Robert Lambert  
Box 47  
DePue, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lambert:

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 the 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,

Robert S. Wilkins  
President  
W. D. Boyce Council  
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