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Gooding, Alexander John D.

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE AUGUST 1972

FULL NAME ALEXANDER JOHN GOODING  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 254 HALSTED STREET

CITY EAST ORANGE STATE N.J. ZIP CODE 07016

AGE 44 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION BUDDHIST NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION IRONWORKER

EDUCATION NOT KNOWN

WEIGHT 165 approx COLOR WHITE HEIGHT 5'10"

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown - Some Gray COLOR OF EYES BLUE

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS SCOUTING - NOW BUDDHISM

Has shown great interest in Black people & interested one  
MARRIED OR SINGLE was married CHILDREN at least one - John - about 19 yrs  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME Not Known

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

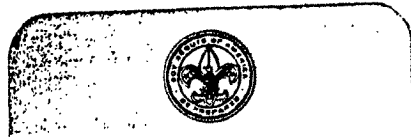
UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
206	ORANGE	NJ	SA	MARCH '72	AUG '72
COMMISSIONER'S STAFF					

SPECIAL RECOGNITION SCOUTER'S TRAINING AWARD

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SILATED SLEEPING BAG WITH BOY ON CAMPUS

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council ORANGE MOUNTAIN  
# 377



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
**A JOHN GOODING**  
 IS REGISTERED WITH THE  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
**TROOP 6**

**ORANGE NJ**

**ASST SCOUTMASTER**  
 TO THE LAST DAY OF  
**337-3 MARCH 1973**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND IS  
 VOID AFTER EXPIRATION DATE. IT MUST BE SHOWN  
 LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR WHEN PURCHASING UNIFORM.

*James P. ...* PRESIDENT  
*...* CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
 NO. 18-408

*6/21/72*



ORANGE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL  
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
 439 MAIN ST., ORANGE, N. J. 07050

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August 17, 1972

Mr. Denver E. Wallace  
Scout Executive  
Orange Mountain Council, No. 337

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
John Gooding

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning Mr. Gooding.  
We have added this information to our file. This will be most helpful  
for identification purposes in the future, should he again try to  
register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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August 4, 1972

Mr. Denver E. Wallace  
Scout Executive  
Orange Mountain Council, No. 337

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
RE: A. John Gooding

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd and the enclosed correspondence, concerning A. John Gooding. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records. This is exactly the type of material we require for our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in getting it for us.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your completing and returning to us as soon as possible. This information will enable us to identify Mr. Gooding, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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Encl: record sheet

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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AUGUST 2, 1972

REGISTRATION AND FULLFILLMENT SERVICE  
NATIONAL COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
NORTH BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY 08902

GENTLEMEN:

RE: A. JOHN GOODING  
25<sup>1/2</sup> HALSTED STREET  
EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY 07017  
AGE 44, WHITE,  
MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR,  
170 LBS. APPROXIMATELY

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER  
TROOP 6 ORANGE, NEW JERSEY  
EXPIRATION-MARCH, 1973

THE ENCLOSED REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY.

MANY THANKS.

SINCERELY,

  
DENVER E. WALLACE  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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# CHURCH AT THE CROSSROADS

AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

10 South Oraton Parkway, East Orange, New Jersey • (201) 673-2111

July 31, 1972

WILLIAM S. GEORGE  
JOSEPH J. THOMASBERGER  
Ministers

Orange Mountain Council  
439 Main Street  
Orange, N.J.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter signed by [redacted] and dated June 7, 1972 was originally brought to you by me in regard to the problem it relates.

Upon discovering information about the problem referred to above Scoutmaster James Taylor, our institutional representative William Dickinson and Orange Commissioner Frank Hayes, together, spoke with [redacted] at her residence. Several days later I visited [redacted] to verify their findings. In my presence [redacted] questioned her son thoroughly and in my opinion, based on her questioning she firmly believes that the statements which her son made in his letter are true.

A few days later in the presence of Scoutmaster James Taylor and myself, Mr. John Gooding admitted sharing a sleeping bag with the [redacted] boy.

Mr. Gooding was advised to disassociate himself from troop 6. He has done this.

Sincerely yours, [redacted]

[redacted]  
Committee Chairman, Troop 6

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July 27, 1972

Registration and Fullfillment Service  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
North Brunswick, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Re: A. John Gooding

Late in May 1972 District Executive Arthur Koepfel was contacted by [redacted], Institutional Representative of Church of the Cross Roads Troop 6, Orange. An incident was reported involving Assistant Scoutmaster A. John Gooding and Scout [redacted]

At a troop meeting and "rap" session in May after the Scouts had told what good things they had done in Scouting, Gooding - over the objection of Scoutmaster James Taylor - insisted that the boys also tell what they thought was good or bad about him. Included in the replies was the statement by young [redacted] that Gooding was a "queer".

Efforts were made at once to get [redacted] to apologize. He refused. Messrs. Taylor, Gooding, and Rev. [redacted] went to the boy's home to discuss this with the boy and his mother.

After the discussion, Gooding was asked to no longer associate with the troop. He has not. His registration card - received with the charter renewal - has been withheld by this council.

The minister of the church, Rev. Joseph Thomasberger, is also aware of the problem.

At the close of the discussion, Gooding himself stated that the National Council would have to be notified.

Enclosed are letter signed by the scout and written by his mother along with a letter from Rev. [redacted]

Sincerely,

Arthur E. Koepfel, Jr.  
District Scout Executive

AEK/s  
Encl.

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what we didn't like about her, I  
got up and called her a queer he wanted  
me to say this in front of Mr. Taylor  
and [REDACTED] and I did, they wanted  
me to apologize to Mr. Gooding but I said  
no so when Mr. Taylor and Mr. Gooding came  
home with me to find out if my mother  
knew and she told them yes I had told  
her but she was afraid to say anything  
about it to anyone. I want you to know  
that this is the truth.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To Whom It May Concern

I went on an  
camping outing for the weekend  
with the scouts. All my friends  
were there and we had fun.  
One of our Scoutmaster Mr Gooding  
was there too. Friday night we had  
just got there and started putting  
up our tents and Mr Gooding told  
us to hurry up and get ready to go  
to bed. Mr Gooding said to me,  
[redacted] you sleep in my bag with  
me and your brother can sleep with  
[redacted] He also told me  
not to sleep in any pajamas and  
he didn't sleep in any himself,  
during the night he held me tight and  
I felt his other hand laying his penis  
on my behind. I told him to stop and  
he said go to sleep. When I come  
home from the trip I told my mother and  
she was very upset. After this happen  
we had a rap session and Mr Gooding  
wanted to know what we liked and

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6/7/72

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I went on our camping outing for the weekend with the scouts. All my friends were there and we had fun. One of our Scout-Master wife Gooding was there too. Friday night we had just got there and started putting up our tents and Mr. Gooding told us to hurry up and get ready to go to bed. Mr. Gooding said to me, [redacted] you sleep in my bag with me and your brother can sleep with [redacted]. He also told me not to sleep in any pajamas and he didn't sleep in any himself. During the night he held me tight and I felt his other hand laying his penis on my behind. I told him to stop and he said go to sleep. When I came home from the trip I told my mother and she was very upset. After this happen we had a rap session and Mr. Gooding wanted to know what we liked and

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and [REDACTED] and I did, they wanted  
me to apologize to Mr. Gooding but I said  
no so then Mr. Taylor and Mr. Gooding came  
home with me to find out if my Mother  
knew and she told them yes I had told  
her but she was afraid to say anything  
about it to anyone. I want you to know  
that this is the truth.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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