

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 3-8-88

FULL NAME BUFORD HERBERT BJORKLUND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY HOUSTON STATE TX ZIP CODE 77090

DATE OF BIRTH 3-9-44 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION TRAVEL AGENT AMERICAN EXPRESS

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 220 HEIGHT 6'3" RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR BLONDE COLOR OF EYES BLUE

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS DIABETIC, VERY LARGE MAN

MARRIED OR SINGLE DIVORCED CHILDREN _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____ (DIVORCED) (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
3211	Houston	Tx	Inter-leader	7/1/77	Nov. 15, 1987

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

CONFIDENTIAL

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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):

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L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

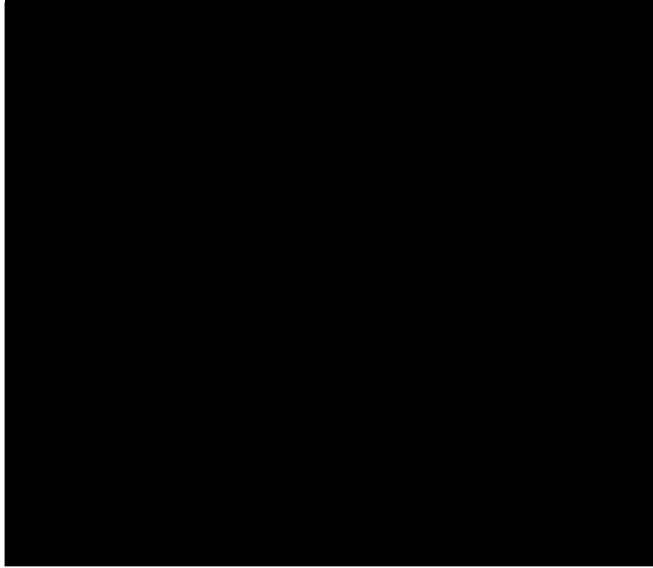
Council SAM HOUSTON AREA





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6405 Antoine
Houston, Texas 77091

March 14, 1988

Sam Houston Area Council
Attn: Roger A. Ohmstede
Boy Scouts of America

Houston, Texas 77052-0786

RE: Letter dated November 19, 1987

Dear Mr. Ohmstede:

Please be informed that I am sending this on behalf of Mr. Buford E. Bjorklund, Jr. in response to the above referenced letter. In your letter you state that after careful review, you have decided that Mr. Bjorklund's registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. After consultation with Mr. Bjorklund it seems that he has not been informed as to any accusations, the content of those accusations, or who has made them. If indeed BSA membership registration is a privilege not automatically granted then there has to be some balancing factors whenever a disparaging accusation or remark is made concerning any member or potential member. When there is no such safeguard it leaves any decision as to membership to someone's fancy or whim with no recourse.

you have offered to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, and Mr. Bjorklund is to explain his version of the facts supporting his claim that his registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. It escapes me sir as to how he is to explain anything concerning matters he has not been fully informed about, as to their content or origin. He has been made aware that it has something to do with a legal matter he was involved with over four years ago. He has been asked by your organization to release information concerning that matter as being relevant to retaining his membership.

First, Mr. Bjorklund has no duty to provide you with records of any proceedings he was involved in, second they were not criminal but civil in nature, third they are totally irrelevant and immaterial to the question of his membership and registration with BSA. Finally, if you had really reviewed his membership registration you would have perhaps consulted your

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own legal counsel who probably may have informed you that most of it is a matter of public record and you could obtain copies if desired.

We have tried vigorously, since your letter, to obtain copies of your rules and regulations. It is appalling to inform you that a majority of your local staff and members did not know that such a publication existed and if it did where to find it. I finally obtained a copy from one of your Dallas Office Scout Shops. The whole episode of finding these rules and regulations leads one to wonder if they were followed at all when you carefully reviewed Mr. Bjorklund's registration.

However, in reviewing your Rules and Regulations, specifically the section on Denial of Registration, and Page 20 therein, it states that Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws sets forth the right of BSA to set standards of membership and the procedure for maintaining those standards through denial of registration is expressed in a publication entitled Procedures for Maintaining Standards of Membership and Leadership. This publication which should spell out the proper way to impose denial on Mr. Bjorklund also is unattainable locally and from the Dallas Office.

It would seem that the very least protection or standard that Mr. Bjorklund or any member should be afforded would be a "Proper showing" which means the establishment by competent evidence that the individual has exhibited Intolerable personal conduct, (Article VIII, Section 4, Page 9).

One of the very things the Boy Scouts of America stands for fairness, has been ignored. Mr. Bjorklund is an asset to the BSA and the real persons hurt by your organization's action are the boys over whom he supervises including his son.

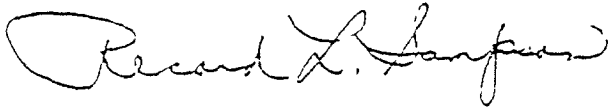
In conclusion, Mr. Bjorklund needs to be told why he has been denied registration, what he has been accused of, and by whom. If this is not done or if a satisfactory agreement can not be reached, I will have to advise him of his legal remedies and

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alternatives. I would hope that this situation could be resolved for the benefit of all parties concerned.

Sincerely,

HYATT LEGAL SERVICES



Record L. Sampson
Attorney at Law

RLS/is

c: James R. Goldstein
Director of Business Services

Earnest H. Cockrell
Chairman of The Board

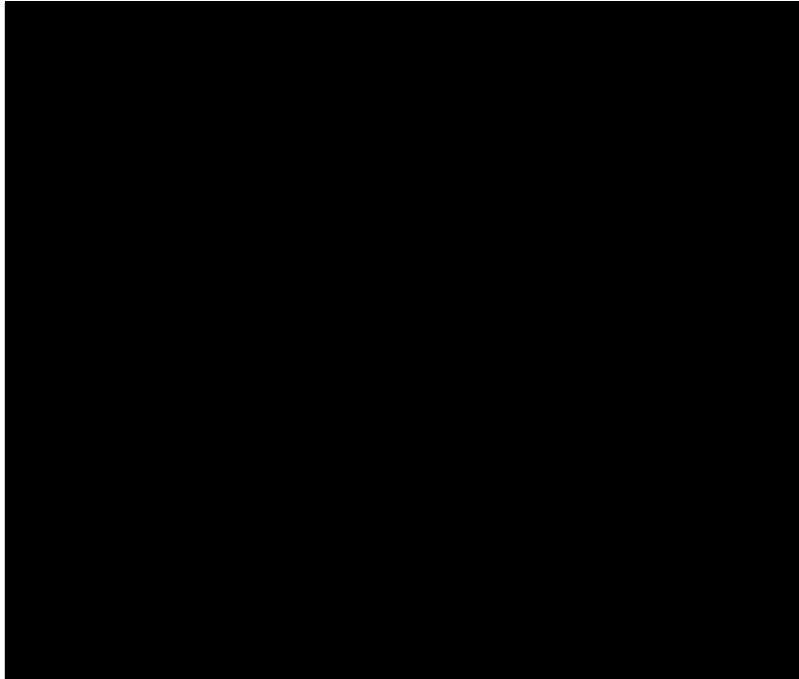
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Debra C. Duhs



November 23, 1987

SUBJECT: Buford H. Bjorklund, Jr., sexual abuse charges

By: Jimmie Goldstein, Director of Business Services

On November 4, 1987, John McNamee told me of a problem uncovered by the Cubmaster of Pack 3241, Mike Sutton. Problem revolved around Buford H. Bjorklund an Assistant Webelos leader. The Cubmaster, Mike Sutton, had been informed by [REDACTED] that Mr. Bjorklund had sexually abused [REDACTED]. Sutton suggested I call [REDACTED] for further details. Sutton stated that he had heard that [REDACTED] had been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He further stated the Harris County Children's Protective Service had been involved, the Magrill school counselor Miss Wilcox and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All this happened four years

ago.

On November 10, 1986, I spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had been a baby-sitter for [REDACTED] during the divorce of Buford and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] had related that [REDACTED] had sexually abused [REDACTED]. In particular [REDACTED] who she stated he kept like a baby and had the other children wait on [REDACTED] while courting [REDACTED] sexual favors. She further stated that Child Welfare was involved and that Mr. Bjorklund took his child [REDACTED] from the mother without her consent.

[REDACTED] who is a nurse also told [REDACTED] that her husband had been hospitalized in the past for mental illness and that he was living with another man in a homosexual relationship.

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On November 10th, Mr. Ohmstede called [REDACTED] Home and they would only say that [REDACTED] had been with them a little over a year. On November 11th I spoke to a contact I have at HPD. I specifically asked him to check with CPS regarding [REDACTED] and any past record Mr. Bjorklund might have. He reported back that he got no help except to verify that there was a file at CPS on the case. CPS is in turmoil currently, and they refuse to say anything without permission of the parties involved. It took my contact over a week to get the information.

On November 18th John McNamee, District Executive in Flaming Arrow District, met with [REDACTED], Principal of [REDACTED] Elementary School. [REDACTED] is an Eagle Scout and former staff member at Camp Strake. He also could give little information except to say that [REDACTED] was removed from his school. He never received confirmation from CPS as to the nature of [REDACTED] problems except that they were emotional. [REDACTED] states that granted Mr. Bjorklund's background, he would not want his son in a pack with Bjorklund as a leader. His words were that he's not leadership type. He stated that the Bjorklund divorce was common knowledge in the community and some of the problems related to the divorce were being talked about in the community. He further stated that [REDACTED] was picked up by authorities on a bad check charge.

On November 10th after discussing the case with Board Member Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen, Debra Duhs, BSA Risk Management and Paul Ernst, BSA Director of Registration, it was decided to suspend Mr. Bjorklund from BSA membership.

On November 20th a letter was delivered by James N. Goldstein and John McNamee to Mr. Bjorklund at American Express Travel Management where he works.

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Mr. Goldstein called before going over and received permission from Mr. Bjorklund to see him at his work place. After reading the letter he became angry and threatened to sue people talking about him. He mentioned a suit against [REDACTED] Home for five million dollars.

November 20th Nelson Block, Council Legal Counsel, was asked for help in getting divorce proceedings on [REDACTED]. We would like to talk with [REDACTED] attorney who could shed some light on matters. Nelson Block is aware of the case and has tried to get information from other contacts he has.

JNG/ad

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February 4, 1988

Mr. Roger A. Ohmstede
Scout Executive
S&E Houston Area Council, No. 576

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Buford E. Bjorklund, Jr.

Dear Roger:

Last Fall we received information concerning the above-named individual. I then wrote on December 1, asking for a Confidential Record Sheet so that we could identify Mr. Bjorklund should he attempt registration in some other location.

I am enclosing another form which I would like to have completed with as much information as you have available. If you have a copy of an application with Mr. Bjorklund's signature, we would also like to have this to aid us in the identification process.

If any more information has come to your attention since that time, this also would be helpful.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Encl.

cc: South Central Region

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FEB 04 1988
ERIN O'RILEY

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December 1, 1987

Mr. Roger A. Ohmstede
Scout Executive
Sam Houston Area Council, No. 576

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Buford H. Bjorklund, Jr.

Dear Roger:

Thank you for the information you recently sent us concerning the above named individual. This is helpful to us in starting a file which will lead to refusal of future registration applications.

We are enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like completed. This will give us the information necessary for identification of Mr. Bjorklund. We would also like an application with Mr. Bjorklund's signature, if available. This aids in the identification process.

Any information you have available will be helpful to us in strengthening our file.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: South Central Region

READY TO FILE
DEC 01 1987
ERIN O'RILEY

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CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # 576

PHONE NO: _____

CALLER: JIMMIE GOLDSTEIN

POSITION: _____

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION _____ VETERANS _____ EXPLORING _____
SCOUTING _____ BOYS' LIFE _____

UNIT # DIST. # EXP. DATE TRANSMITTAL # FILM #

11-6-87

C3241 - 190930 - BLY - 5/44

SUBMITTER CAME IN TO OFFICE (FBI)

ABOUT

PTO PACK

BUFORD # BJORK LUND JAWL

HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED

WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED (PLACED IN A HOME)

ALLEGATION OF HOMOSEXUAL RELATION WITH ANOTHER ADULT

CNCL WILL SEND MORE INFO

SEE PROCEEDINGS

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3/13/86-cTF-567r

Added to CF files. Deleted from registration files. 11-19-87 em

NAME P. Smith

DATE 11-18-87

TIME 3:15 PM