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Scott, James L. SG

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CLASSE-  
SET UP  
FILE

DATE 12-10-85

FULL NAME James Larry Scott SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 2311 Broad Lawn Dr

CITY Houston STATE Tx ZIP CODE 77058

DATE OF BIRTH June 1940 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 45 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY U.S.

OCCUPATION Technical Advisor - Sperry Univac Corp.

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 160 HEIGHT 5'7" RACE caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR BROWN COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Computers, Photography

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN none  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T. 873	Houston	Tx	S.M.	1971	Sept. 1985

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Silver Beaver

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a 13 year old boy 5/9/85  
sentenced to 18 years in prison

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):

Attached Newspaper Clippings

STARON  
JAN 21 1986

RECEIVED  
JAN 28 '86  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed John A. Schmiede  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Sam Houston Area Council

RS-509  
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January 30, 1986

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Larry Scott

Dear Roger:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

spm

cc: South Central Region

READY FOR FILE  
JAN 30 1985  
CARMEN FREEMAN

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SCOUTING/USA

A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096  
Telephone: 214-659-2000

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December 3, 1985

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

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Larry Scott

Dear Roger:

It has recently come to my attention that a law suit is involved related to James Larry Scott. I understand that Mr. Scott is now serving a sentence in prison for sexual assault.

We would like information concerning this so that we may set up a confidential file and make certain that registration would be refused should Mr. Scott be released from prison, and move to another section of the country.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet for your use in giving us personal information about Mr. Scott. We would also like to have any thing you have in file which would be helpful to us in making certain that registration can be refused.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: South Central Region

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CITY	STATE	COUNTY	DISTRICT	LOCAL UNIT NO.	CURRENT REGISTRATION DATE	EXPIRES	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE BY	ISSUE TYPE
HOUSTON	TX	HARRIS	RAYSHORE	875	9/30/89	9/30/89			

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION  
 A UNITING CHURCH, 979 RESEDA, HOUSTON, TX, 77062

COUNCIL'S STATISTICAL IDENTITY  
 NATIONAL UNIT NUMBER  
 UNIT FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES

NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OFFICER  
 REV. W. C. ROYSTER, 1702 WERTLING, HOUSTON, TX 77062

NAME OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS UNIT

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December 3, 1985

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Scout Executive  
Sam Houston Area Council, No. 576

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Larry Scott.

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: South Central Region

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that SCOTT's outrageous misconduct towards the minor child had actually taken place on a number of occasions commencing sometime in or about June 1984 and ending in February 1985, upon SCOTT's discovery. In each and every instance of his outrageous misconduct, SCOTT intentionally and knowingly made physical contact with the minor child, fully recognizing the offensive nature of his acts.

IV.

The Defendants BSA and BSA-Sam Houston Area Council are charged by law with the duty of ensuring that the persons they place in positions such as scoutmaster possess the requisite qualifications and moral standards necessary to be entrusted with the care and custody of minor children, and that they are wholly deserving of the trust and confidence placed in them, by virtue of their positions, by scouts, their parents, and the public at large. The conduct of said Defendants, in this instance, fell far below the standard of care imposed upon them, and was in reckless disregard of the rights of the Plaintiff minor child. Indeed, said Defendants were specifically aware of SCOTT's sexually deviant nature, having received complaints from several parents over a period of years as to instances where he sexually abused or attempted to so abuse members of his scout troop. Said Defendants were grossly negligent in their failure to protect the Plaintiff minor child (and other similarly situated minor children) from the sexual assaults of SCOTT, and by their acquiescence in his prior, similar misconduct, said Defendants in effect aided or encouraged SCOTT's assaults against the Plaintiff minor child, thereby, in either case, making them jointly and severally liable for SCOTT's tortious acts complained of herein.

V.

As further evidence of the failure of the BSA and the BSA-Sam Houston Area Council to fulfill their duty of care to the Plaintiff minor child and other similarly situated minor children, Plaintiffs

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C. The Defendant BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA-SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL is an unincorporated association and subsidiary of the parent Defendant, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, which has its principal place of business in Harris County, Texas, and which may be served with process at 1911 Bagby, Houston, Texas,<sup>17012</sup> by serving same upon any officer of the Defendant.

D. The Defendant JAMES LARRY SCOTT is an individual who is presently incarcerated in the Wynn unit of the Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas, where service of process may be made upon him.

## II.

Plaintiffs would show that in or about September 1982 the Plaintiff minor child joined Boy Scout Troop No. 873 headquartered in the Clear Lake area of Houston, which was within the jurisdiction of the Defendant BSA-Sam Houston Area Council, and which was organized and led by Defendant SCOTT who had been the Scoutmaster of the Troop since its founding in or about 1971. From the inception, SCOTT used his position as Scoutmaster to befriend the minor child and his family, and to create situations where he could be alone with the minor child for extended periods of time. Given the position of trust and confidence that SCOTT held within the BSA and BSA-Sam Houston Area Council, the Plaintiff parents were led to believe, and did believe, that their son was being properly cared for while with SCOTT, and that SCOTT had only the child's best interests and welfare at heart.

## III.

In or about the latter part of February 1985 the Plaintiff parents learned, for the first time, that SCOTT's motives in befriend-  
ing them and their son were anything but well-intentioned. Specifically, the minor child revealed at that time, and in due course, that he had, in fact, been sexually molested by SCOTT, and that such molestation had occurred most recently on February 9, 1985, by SCOTT forcing the minor child to engage in acts of oral sex with him. Plaintiffs allege

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
as next friends of  
their minor child, \_\_\_\_\_,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, BOY  
SCOUTS OF AMERICA-SAM HOUSTON  
AREA COUNCIL, and JAMES LARRY  
SCOTT,

Defendants.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW \_\_\_\_\_, individually and as next friends of their minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, complaining of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA-SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL, and JAMES LARRY SCOTT, Defendants, and for cause of action against them would respectfully show unto the Court the following:

I.

A. Plaintiffs \_\_\_\_\_ are residents of Harris County, Texas, and the parents of a minor child upon whose behalf this suit is brought. The names of the adult plaintiffs have been abbreviated by use of initials and the child's name omitted from this pleading in order to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the minor child who was victimized by the outrageous acts complained of herein. Defendants will be advised of Plaintiffs' identities, if not already known, by separate pleading filed under seal with the Court.

B. The Defendant BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (hereinafter "BSA") is an unincorporated association which is doing business in Harris County, Texas and is headquartered in this State, and which may be served with process by serving same upon its Chief Scout Executive or any other officer located at 1324 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas.

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would show that, as a matter of policy (and as was done in this case) said Defendants actively discourage parents of aggrieved scouts from complaining to the police or other public officials when allegations of sexual abuse or attempted sexual abuse by scoutmasters are lodged with them, thereby attempting to obstruct justice and preclude the effective disposition of such complaints, all to the irreparable harm of the Plaintiff minor child and similarly situated minor children.

VI.

On or about May 7, 1985, SCOTT was convicted in the 228th District Court of Harris County, Texas, of aggravated sexual assault against the Plaintiff minor child under Tex. Penal Code §22.021, and was sentenced to eighteen years in prison for such offense.

VII.

As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' misconduct, the Plaintiff minor child has suffered and will continue to suffer severe mental anguish and emotional distress to his damage in the amount of at least \$250,000.00, for which he now sues.

VIII.

Based on the wanton, willful and outrageous nature of Defendant SCOTT's misconduct, and the manner in which the Defendants BSA and BSA-Sam Houston Area Council aided or encouraged same or were grossly negligent in failing to protect the Plaintiff minor child against same, as pled above, such Plaintiff is additionally entitled to an award of exemplary damages against Defendants in the amount of at least \$500,000.00, for which he also now sues.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that on final trial Plaintiffs have:

1. Judgment for the Plaintiff minor child against Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages in the

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amount of at least \$250,000.00.

2. Judgment for the Plaintiff minor child against Defendants, jointly and severally, for exemplary damages in the amount of at least \$500,000.00.
3. A permanent injunction enjoining the RSA from continuing to maintain the policies and procedures complained of herein which are to the detriment of the Plaintiff minor child and similarly situated minor children.
4. Costs of suit.
5. Such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff minor child may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suite 260  
Houston, Texas 77058  
Telephone: 713/488-7983  
State Bar No. 06886700

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

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5/9/85 AM. HOUSTON POST file

## Former Scout leader gets 18 years, fine in molestation case

A former Boy Scout troop leader convicted of molesting one of his Scouts was sentenced Thursday to 18 years in prison and fined \$5,000.

Larry James Scott, 44, of the 2300 block of Broadlawn, was convicted of a single count of aggravated sexual assault involving a boy who was 13 at the time of the Feb. 9 offense.

The boy testified Scott had molested him 19 other times, prosecutor Doug Durham said. During the incident which led to the conviction, Durham said, Scott took the boy to his home, showed him a Playboy magazine, then performed oral sex on him.

Durham said he was not disappointed in the sentence even though he told jurors in his final argument that "a punishment of

50 years in the Texas Department of Corrections and a fine of \$5,000 would be moderate."

Three witnesses besides the complainant testified Scott had victimized them in similar ways.

One man said that during a camping trip 11 years ago, Scott woke him and put his hand inside his underwear.

Scott was a technical adviser with a marketing team for Sperry Univac Corp. and had been a scoutmaster for 14 years, Durham said.

"Based on his background, I was afraid they might grant him probation," Durham said.

Defense attorney Luis Suarez urged jurors to do just that, arguing that except for this crime, Scott has led an "exemplary" life.

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Thursday, May 9, 1985

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### Scout leader sentenced

A former Clear Lake-area Boy Scout leader has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for aggravated sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy in his troop.

James Larry Scott, 44, of 2311 Broadlawn in Houston, was sentenced Wednesday by a jury in state District Judge Ted Poe's court. He was also fined \$5,000.

Prosecutor Doug Durham said Scott was convicted of having oral sex with the boy at his house Feb. 9.

Durham said the boy and a 15-year-old boy testified in the punishment phase that Scott had had sexual relations with them on several occasions. The older boy testified Scott fondled him.

Two men — age 26 and 19 — testified Scott fondled them years ago when they were in his Boy Scout troop, Durham said.

Scott admitted some of the allegations and denied others, Durham said.

Durham said Scott, a Scout leader about 12 years, was removed after the teen-agers' allegations were revealed.

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