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May 3, 1990

Mr. Robert M. Salser Scout Executive Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES SCOTT RODGERS

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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ATHENS, GEORGIA 30606

TELEPHONE (404) 548-5293

April 3, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst National Office Boy Scouts of America P. O. Box 152079 Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Enclosed you will find a newspaper clipping concerning the trial and sentencing of James Scott Rodgers. Please add this to his files.

The second newspaper clipping tells of a man named Larry David who was also charged. We find he was registered as a cub leader two years ago. I am in the process of gathering information now in this particular case.

On the positive side, if enough people read how long this man is going to jail, maybe this will stop some of the problems in our area.

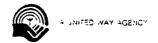
Sincerely,

Robert M. Salser Scout Executive

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cc: Jim Wilson

Harold Frizzell



Scout Workers Arrested On Molestation Charges

Two Maysville area men who worked with separate Boy Scout troops were indicted for child molestation charges this week by a Jackson County grand jury.

The grand jury indicted James Scott Rogers, 46, on two counts of child molestation, while another Maysville scout troop worker, Larry James David, 40, of Route 3, Jeffer-

son, was indicted for five counts of child molestation.

Two different scout troops were involved in the cases, which were investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Sheriff Stan Evans said David, who was arrested Jan. 9, has been released on bond, while Rogers, who was arrested last November, remains in jail. Rogers is also charged with aggravated child molestation in Houston County, which stems from a scout outing the troop was on in that county.

The David investigation was an outgrowth of the Rogers case, which apparently spurred some alleged victims to come forward, authorities said. David was also involved in a sports booster club in Jackson County and helped coach young boys ages 9 through 11, according to a GBI report.

Ex-Scout leader gets 40 years for sex crimes

From staff reports

JEFFERSON — A former Maysville Boy Scout leader was found guilty Tuesday on one count each of child molestation and sodomy.

James Scott Rodgers, 46, has been sentenced to serve 20 years on each count for a total of 40 years, according to the court docket. The sentences are to be served consecutively.

The trial began Monday and ended around noon Tuesday, a spokeswoman in the Jackson County clerk of court's office said.

Rodgers had been charged with molesting members of his troop while on a field trip last year. He was arrested Nov. 17 at his home on Dixon Bridge Road. He also was charged with one count of child molestation in central Georgia's Houston County, on Oct. 31.

Rodgers' attorney, public defender Jerry Gray, could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon on whether Deddere will annual the conviction

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Mr. Robert M. Salser Scout Executive Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JAMES RODGERS

Dear Robert:

We appreciate the material which was sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us as we establish a file, which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

We would like the outcome of the criminal action, once all the legal work has been done. Thank you for helping us complete this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region



EAST GEORGIA COUNC BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

P. O. SOX 6049

ATHENS, GEORGIA 30604

TELEPHONE (404) 548-5293

November 20, 1989

Mr. James Rodgers,

Maysville, Ca. 30558

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Pursuant to the letter written to you on November 7, 1989, I have enclosed additional information for your use.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Romberg, II

President

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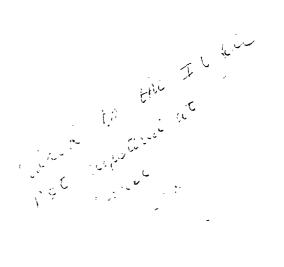
Enclosures

bcc: Mr. James D. Wilson, Assistant Regional Director

Mr. Paul Ernst, National Council

Mr. Wayne Brock, Area Director

P.S.: We have requested a criminal report from both counties. When we receive this report, we will forward it to you.







NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



30X 6049

ATHENS, GEORGIA 30604

TELEPHONE (404) 548-5293

November 7, 1989

James Rogers

Warner Robins, GA 31088

Dear Mr. Rogers:

After careful review, we have decided your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. Since we were in the process of reactivating this unit we simply ask that you not turn in your application at this time.

You should understand that Boy Scouts of America membership is a privilege and is not automatically granted to anyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have the decision reviewed by a Council Review Committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts, supporting your claim that your registration as a Boy Scouts of America member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Romberg, II President Northeast Georgia Council, BSA

cc: Kurt Epperson, Robert Salser



Scout leader charged in molestation

By Bill Sanders The Times

MAYSVILLE — A Jackson County Boy Scout volunteer was arrested Friday night on child molestation charges, authorities said. James Rogers, 46, was taken into custody about 7:30 p.m. at his home on Dixon Bridge Road.

Two warrants had been issued earlier in the day for Rogers by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, agent Jane Honeycutt said.

Rogers has been charged with one count of child molestation and one count of aggravated sodomy, she said. He is being held at the Jackson County Jail.

Honeycutt said she could not comment on whether the two counts involved Boy Scouts.

Rogers had been charged in Houston County, located in middle Georgia, on October 31. He wasscharged with one count of child molestation by Athens area GBI agents. A compliant had been filed by a Jackson County parent against Rogers a few days before.

The alleged act which prompted the complaint occurred in Houston County. The Houston County Sheriff's Department then requested the GBI conduct the investigation. They made an arrest Oct. 31, the same day the investigation began.

Rogers was released Nov. 3 on a \$25,000 bond from a Houston County jail.

GBI agents then returned to Jackson County to investigate, and received enough information to issue two more warrants for Rogers'

"We followed up on the investigation, thinking if it happened in Houston County, it could have very well happened here," Honeycutt said. "We received enough information during our investigation to issue the two additional warrants (Friday). This is really one long

Bob Salser, Scout Executive for the northeast Georgia Boy Scouts, said Rogers had volunteered for a position with the Maysville Troop

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706 in October, and his application
was currently being evaluated.

Saiser said he had been contacted recently by Houston County officials concerning Rogers, and immediately "suspended his membership and asked him not to have anything to do with the Boy Scouts."

He said he had not been contacted by any parents in the community, but it is policy for the Boy Scouts to contact authorities when parents complain about any form of child abuse.

Saiser said the troop Rogers was working with contained about five or six children, ranging from 11 to

i4 years old. The Maysville troophad been disbanned previously, but, had reactivated a couple of years, ago due to community support for the program.

Saiser said plans are for Troop 706 to continue. "We've got a good group here," Saiser said.

This is the second case of this sortin the last two years in Northeast Georgia. In March and April of 1988, Larry Calabro, a Gainesville. resident and Boy Scout leader, was charged with seven counts of child molestation. Calabro pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 105 years in prison.

Boy Scout Leader Facing 2nd Molestation Charge

By Bill Rankin Staff Writer

A 46-year-old Boy Scout leader from Maysville was arrested Friday for the second time this month in connection with a second alleged child molestation incident arising from a scout camping trip, law enforcement officials said.

James Scott Rodgers is being held without bond in the Jackson County Jail on charges of child molestation and aggravated sodomy, Jackson County Sheriff Stan Evans said.

"In both instances when the acts allegedly occurred, he was acting as a scoutmaster," Sheriff Evans said. "And both incidents occurred while he was taking the boys on a scout trip."

The arrest resulted from a joint investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Sheriff Evans said.

Sheriff Evans said the Boy Scout troop was based in Jackson County, but he declined to release further details. Mr. Rodgers sells firewood in Atlanta for a living, police said.

Mr. Rodgers had been arrested on Nov. 1 and charged with child molestation in connection with an alleged incident with one youth during an Oct. 28 camping trip, GBI spokesman John Bankhead said. On that trip, the scout troop had initially planned to camp overnight near Columbus, but ended up spending the night at an unspecified location in Houston County, he said.

Mr. Rodgers was arrested and placed in the Houston County Jail on charges of child molestation, but he was later released on bond and returned home to Maysville, Mr. Bankhead said.

His arrest Friday was based on an alleged incident involving two more youths on a scout camping trip in Jackson County, Mr. Bankhead said.

Sheriff Evans declined to give the date of the alleged incident, only saying it happened sometime in October before Mr. Rodgers's initial arrest on Nov. 1.

When GBI agents and Jackson County sheriff's deputies went to Mr. Rodgers's home to arrest him Friday evening, Mr. Rodgers fled into the woods, Sheriff Evans said. He was tracked down by bloodhounds that were brought in from Alto state prison.

"Once the bloodhounds got there, it wasn't five minutes until he was arrested," Sheriff Evans said.

Scouts Didn't OK Sex Case Suspect Who Led Campers

By Ken Foskett Staif Writer

A northeast Georgia man charged with molesting a 12-year-old boy on a weekend scouting trip was not authorized to lead scouting expeditions, Boy Scout officials said Monday.

Scout leaders say James Scott Rodgers, 46, had not yet been approved to lead Troop 706 of Maysville when he took five boys on an outing to Houston County on Oct. 28.

"He should not have been taking these kids out until his application had been approved," said Wayne Brock, areadirector for Boy Scouts of America in Kennesaw

Mr. Rodgers was charged with aggravated child molestation in connection with the camping trip.

On Friday, Mr. Rodgers was charged with another count of child molestation in a separate incident involving the same boy.

In a third unrelated case, Mr. Rodgers also was charged with aggravated sodomy for acts allegedly committed with

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Suspect in Camp-Out Sex Case Not OK'd as Leader by Scouts

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a 16-year-old.

Mr. Rodgers is in the Jackson County jail pending a bond hearing scheduled for today in Superior Court.

Mr. Brock said Boy Scout policy allows applicants such as Mr. Rodgers to begin preliminary organization of a troop before being officially sanctioned by the nationwide youth organization.

"It sounds like to me the man just got gung-ho and took things on his own," Mr. Brock said.

Volunteer scout leaders must first be approved by the local institution that sponsors them, Mr. Brock said, and then be cross-checked against a list of undesir-

able applicants at the organization's headquarters in Irving, Texas

Maysville residents say Troop 706 had been dormant two years before Mr. Rodgers offered to revive it.

"Everyone jumped the gun," said Andy Byers, principal of Maysville Elementary School. "The parents are taking the blame."

Mr. Byers said Maysville, a rural community of 800 people, was shocked by the alleged attacks. "In the past, we've been able to trust everyone," he said. "There's the feeling that we are more vulnerable than we thought we were. It's made us put up our guard a little bit."