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ESHELMAN, KENNETH L. 74

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 1, 1974

FULL NAME Kenneth LAMAR Eshelman
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS R D # 4

CITY Littitz STATE Pa ZIP CODE 17542

AGE 23 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY AMERICAN CITIZEN

OCCUPATION Part Time - Recreation Director + Golf Course Mgr.

EDUCATION WARWICK High School 1967; YORK College 1971 B.A.

WEIGHT 175 lbs COLOR White HEIGHT 6'1"

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Coach - Basketball, Soccer + Baseball

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>T154</u>	<u>Littitz</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>Lancaster Scout #1542K</u>	<u>3/19/71</u>	<u>3/17/1974</u>

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Sexually Involved with young boys + STATEMENTS sent to Registration & Fulfillment 3/18/74

Signed Thomas F. Eshelman
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Lancaster - Lebanon # 524

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April 10, 1974

Mr. Thomas F. Lehmier
Scout Executive
Lancaster-Lebanon Council, No. 524

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Kenneth L. Eshleman

Dear Mr. Lehmier:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning
Kenneth Eshleman. 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 E. Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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March 22, 1974

Mr. Thomas F. Lehmier
Scout Executive
Lancaster-Lebanon Council, No. 524

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Kenneth L. Eshleman

Dear Mr. Lehmier:

Thank you for the letter dated March 18, and the substantial information supplied by Mr. Bernard V. Kelly, District Executive, concerning Kenneth Eshleman, Scoutmaster of Troop 154. This is exactly the type of information we require for our records and have placed him on our Confidential file.

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

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive
Registration and Subscription

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Paul

Trust the attached is
sufficient to get Ken Eskleman
on the Confidential list. My
S. E. - Dennis Kelly - did a fine
job investigating & bringing
to a successful conclusion.

Best regards,

Tom DeLuna
Sect Executive

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President: William F. Tall Scout Commissioner: William D. Linkous Scout Executive: Thomas F. Lehmer

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 18, 1974

Mr. Paul Ernst, Sup.
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902

RE: Kenneth L. Eshleman

Dear Paul:

I have the unpleasant task of placing on the Confidential List a Scoutmaster involved sexually with young boys. I believe that all or most of the necessary information you need is documented in this letter and the attached statements.

Kenneth L. Eshleman is currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 154, Lititz of Lancaster-Lebanon Council, sponsored by the Lititz Church of the Brethren, Lititz, Pa.

Ken was born and raised in Lititz, Pa. and has lived at this R.D. #4 address for several years. He has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 154 for three (3) years. Ken is 6'1" tall and weighs about 175 lbs. He has brownish hair and is currently wearing a beard. He is Protestant, single and works part time at the Lititz Recreation Center and at his father's Golf Course, part time. He is also a student working toward a Masters Degree in Education. The name of the golf course is Green Acres in Lititz.

On Friday, March 1st, 1974, I received a call from [REDACTED] former District Commissioner of the Eastern District, asking me to have lunch with him re: a serious matter in Troop 154. At lunch on March 1st, [REDACTED] told me that Ken Eshleman was a homosexual and had played with the privates of at least three (3) boys, including his son and the minister's son.

At this time I told [REDACTED] that the committee should meet with Ken and ask for his resignation as Scoutmaster of Troop 154. I also told him that we needed





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statements from the boys involved and that I would be willing to sit and talk with the parents and boys involved. He told me that the Pastor of the Church of the Brethren and the unit's Institutional Representative would ask Mr. Eshleman to resign over the week-end, and he would obtain statements from the boys involved.

On March 8th, Attorney John Gobble of Lititz, who is the President of the church board called me to tell me that he was getting statements from the boys and planned to meet with Mr. Eshleman and some committee members as soon as possible. I called Mr. Gobble over the week-end and he informed me that he was getting the boys' statements and that the committee would meet with Ken on Tuesday, March 12th at 1:00 P.M.

On Tuesday Mr. Gobble dropped off the statements at the Scout office and told me that they would ask Ken for his resignation at 1:00 P.M. as originally planned. The committee met with Ken and he resigned from Scouting, although he denied any blame for these matters.

On Friday, March 15th, I had a meeting again with [REDACTED] and he told me that Ken Eshleman has since seen the Pastor and the committee and is seeking help and has agreed to take counseling.

The Boys' statements are attached and I trust that this evidence is sufficient to keep Kenneth Eshleman out of Scouting.

Sincerely,

Bernard V. Kelly, Sr.
Bernard V. Kelly, Sr.
District Executive

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cc:Scout Executive



Lititz Church of the Brethren

Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543

Phone: Area Code [REDACTED]

March 8, 1974



Pastor

Arlin G. Claassen
Assoc. Pastor

Lancaster County Council,
Boy Scouts of America
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601

Confidential

Dear Gentlemen:

I am writing in behalf of my son, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is thirteen years old and has been a member of Troop 154 of our church in Lititz for approximately two and one-half years. [REDACTED] is an intelligent, friendly and cooperative boy who is active in music, school sports, Youth Club and who was enjoying the Scouting program very much until a year and a half ago when for some strange, unexplainable reason, he suddenly seemed to lose interest in the meetings, camp outs, etc.

In a typical father-son conversation on February 23, 1974 [REDACTED] and I got talking coincidentally about the subject of homosexuality. I explained the dynamics of the problem and the unfortunate circumstances this problem produces for those who grow up to be homosexuals. Immediately, [REDACTED] said, "Ken Eshleman is a homosexual. And that's why I am not in Scouts!"

When I pressed [REDACTED] to be specific about what he actually knew to be the truth about the situation, he said that "everyone" in the troop knew that Ken was a homo. He would make gestures to any of the boys that would let him get away with it. When I asked why no one had reported this situation, he said that everyone was scared to speak.

Upon further questioning for specifics, [REDACTED] said that he had been personally embarrassed on at least two occasions. The first was on an overnight trip to the pony farm (his first camp out, I believe!) Ken asked [REDACTED] to get into Ken's sleeping bag in order to warm it up. Then he got into the bag with [REDACTED] and proceeded to rub his back, etc., including other parts of his body. Finally, after strong resistance, [REDACTED] managed to get away.

The second incident involving [REDACTED] included also two of his friends. This time, during the summer camp at Camp Mack (1972) Ken had these three boys sleep with him in Ken's camp for disciplinary purposes of some sort. [REDACTED] said the boy between him and Ken was awakened from sleep during the night by Ken, who was playing with his privates. [REDACTED] says that Ken also made advances at him. By this time all confidence had broken down between [REDACTED] and Mr. Eshleman, and [REDACTED] says that to this day he fears being in a room alone with Ken, for even in this type situation Ken physically abuses the boys.


There is little wonder that so many boys have lost interest, respect and confidence, not only in this Scout master, but in the Scouting program itself. This is, unfortunately, a regrettable situation

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and it is my personal request that something be done immediately to release Mr. Eshleman of his position and to help him secure help for his problem.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. Having read this letter, I hereby testify that these are the facts that I told my father and that this is a true statement.



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It was my first campout in woods, it was at Camp
 Naze. We came into camp the second day because I was
 had something to first night. It was [redacted]
 and me, I was wearing my tent left so we went into
 the leader tent. I did not know anything about them then.
 The people in the tent in the woods they don't were [redacted]
 [redacted] me, [redacted] then [redacted] first
 he scratched my back, then went around front and got
 lower to touch to feel me. We were trying to pretend we
 were asleep so he would stop [redacted] but I thought he
 was doing it so he told me to stop him when he was
 feeling me. Then he started to masturbate me, I turned over
 on my stomach to get him to stop, but he turned me
 over and kept doing it. Then he went to [redacted] then [redacted]
 I think [redacted] and [redacted] feel asleep, although they could have
 been faking it. He started masturbating me again. I said
 I was tired and I kept on turning over to my stomach
 and he kept feeling me back. After awhile he stopped, he
 then started to kiss me on my ribs and chest. He told
 me not to tell anyone what he did. Then he grabbed my
 hand and put it down his pants and said, "just to make
 sure you tell anybody." I took it out and he said "What's
 the matter are you scared?" I didn't say anything, he stopped
 and then I went to sleep. I told some of my best
 friends who were around him, so that he won't get away.
 Now pretty many people know about him and are staying
 away from him.



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P.S. I don't know the date of when it happened.

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[REDACTED]

I would like to relate to you some of the things that have happened between me and my scoutmaster which I did not enjoy at all. My scoutmaster is Ken Eshleman. He is a homosexual and many boys in the troop know it. I for one have good reasons to believe it because I have, like many other boys, been a victim of his actions. I am no longer a scout and Ken Eshleman is one of the reasons, many boys have ^{partly} quit because of Ken and his problem.

It began when we were on my first camping trip with the scouts which was shortly after I joined. Most of the incidents occurred with my friend because we always stuck together and slept in the same tent. The day went normal until night when he would go around and give backrubs to all the kids. I don't know if he did this to all the kids but he sure did it to us. He came into our tent and gave me a backrub and slowly inched his way down my underpants and would start to play with your penis. After he left we were stunned and didn't think much of it. Until he would do it again and again and even during the day if you were alone with he would start to play with your penis, and we got to hate it.

Even during the meeting he would feel guys out although I was lucky enough that he didn't do it with me during a meeting. Then on my last camp out 2 guys and me had to sleep in Ken's tent because we had come late and there were no more tents. I quickly got at the end of the tent (the farth away from Ken) because I and the other 2 knew what to expect. I picked the person that was right next to

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Ken, and I was right ● did get the worst, Ken ● layed with him all night and made that guy put his hands down Ken's own chest part. IT is sickning, He tried to get to me but I scrunched up in the corner and he couldn't reach me, boy was I lucky. On the last meeting I went to I only had to pass I thing and I would be first class. Ken made an offer to me that if I passed he would take just me to a hockey game. Of course I couldn't say no but I sureley wasn't going to go. We were all alone in the room so after he was done talking to me I quickly ran out so he wouldn't play with me. After that my dad kept making me study my singing, but I never really studied it. Until the year was over at least because then I would go back to Tenderfoot under the new system. I kept ditching meetings and finally I quit with a great deal of other boys who have the mark of Ken's problem. I'm glad it is out in the open know, I would have talked about it sooner but it is not the kind of thing you talk about everyday. But almost everybody in the scout troop knows that Ken Estleman is a homosexual, and I hope that he is made to resign and is helped with his problem.

Witnessed by

(Father)

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