

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 4/20/88

FULL NAME Robert L Cherry SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Philadelphia STATE PA ZIP CODE 19152

DATE OF BIRTH 4/05/39 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 49 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Jewish NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Math Teacher - Jr. High

EDUCATION Masters of ED & Masters of ADM.

WEIGHT 197 Lbs. HEIGHT 5'9" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Green

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Helicopter & Plane pilot, Motorcycles, Water Skiing and Camping.

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN [REDACTED]  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Troop 656	Dresher	PA	Scoutmaster		3/15/88

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Mr. Cherry has been accused of sexual child abuse and has confessed to such acts during campouts and other activities.

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):

CONFIDENTIAL

MAY 12 1988

F. STARON

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MAR 13 '89  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Valley Forge Council #507

READY FOR FILE

MAR 15 1989

March 13, 1989

Mr. Albert L. Smith  
Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert L. Cherry

Dear Al:

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 Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF022177

**INSTANT MEMO**

To: Paul Ernst

From: DAVE SKORUPSKI, DIRECTOR - FIELD SERVICES

Subject: Cherry

Date: 2-23-89

Enclosed article from last  
night's paper Philadelphia Inquirer.

The more we heard is that he  
is barred from all youth work.

*[Signature]*

ROBERT CHERRY

**rea News in Brief**

with the sexual molestation of four teenage boys, according to a Montgomery County assistant district attorney.

Cherry, of the 2700 block of Taunton Street in Northeast Philadelphia, was also ordered by Montgomery County Judge William T. Nicholas to undergo psychiatric evaluation and his teaching license was permanently revoked, said James Markofski, Montgomery County assistant district attorney.

Cherry had been charged last year with six counts of corrupting the morals of children after allegations that he sexually molested six boys who attended a camp during 1987 and 1988 that Cherry owned in Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County. Two of the charges were subsequently dropped, Markofski said.

**U.S. judge reduces damages for ex-officers in bias case**

A federal judge has reduced damages from \$395,000 to \$165,000 for two women after a jury found their civil rights were violated by a pattern of sexual harassment while they were officers in the Philadelphia Police Department.

U.S. District Judge Clarence C. Newcomer ruled that a jury verdict Dec. 19 against the city "cannot stand." Newcomer denied a jury award of \$130,000 to Priscilla Kelsey-Andrews and \$100,000 to Debra Conn

**Ex-teacher put on probation in molestation of four boys**

Robert L. Cherry, 49, a former Neshaminy Junior High School teacher, was sentenced to five years on probation Friday after he pleaded no contest to a charge of corrupting the morals of children in connection



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane



*To Paul Ernst  
Some notes below  
Al Ernst*

December 15, 1988

Mr. Albert L. Smith  
Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert L. Cherry

Dear Al:

I hate to bother you again, but this has now come to the "top of our stack". We wondered if the trial has taken place yet?

Please give us information if the trial has now been completed. Thanks for your help.

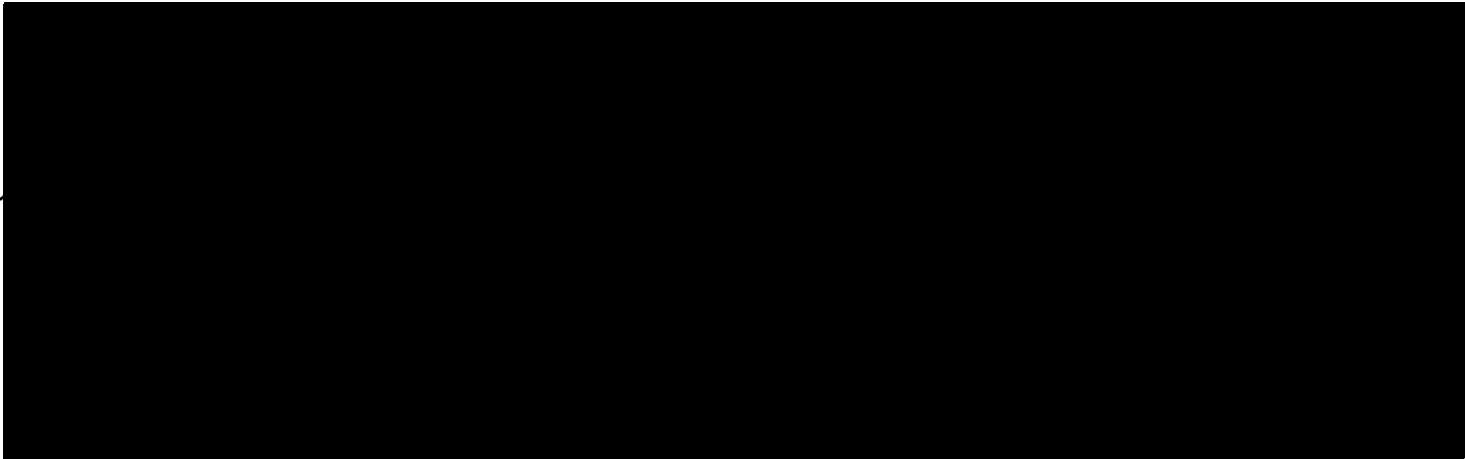
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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December 15, 1988

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Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

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DEC 16 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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VALLEY FORGE COUNCIL



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

September 27, 1988

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Dir., Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

RE: ROBERT L. CHERRY

Dear Paul:

Regarding the Robert L. Cherry case about which you recently wrote me, it is my understanding that the case is set for trial on October 5, 1988. However, he fired his lawyer last week and there is a possibility the case may be postponed.

We will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

  
Albert L. Smith  
Council Executive

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CONF022181

September 22, 1988

Mr. Albert L. Smith  
Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROBERT L. CHERRY

Dear Al:

This case has come to the top of the stack. We now wonder if more legal action has taken place and whether there has been a conviction and sentencing. This is necessary to close our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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ERIN ORILEY

CONF022182

TO: DAVE SKORUPSKI  
FROM: DAVE VOGNETZ  
RE: ROBERT CHERRY UPDATE

Robert Cherry has waived his preliminary hearing and has asked for a trial.

No trial date has been set as yet.

He is presently conducting a letter campaign asking for letters to sustain his character.

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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  
[REDACTED]

May 18, 1988

Mr. Albert L. Smith  
Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert L. Cherry

Dear Al:

This is a follow up to our previous communication concerning the above named individual. We wondered if a trial has now been held and whether there has been a conviction and sentencing. We really would like this for our files.

Let us know if you need any help in any other way in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

PLEASE NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079

CONF022184

May 18, 1988

Mr. Albert L. Smith  
Scout Executive  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MAY 20 1988  
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CHARTER RENEWAL

BRECHER

PA

DISTRICT NAME & NUMBER  
 DADEN POWELL 07 DADEN POWELL 0 COUNTY LOCAL UNIT NO. STATUS TERM (MONTHS) RENEWAL DATE  
 MONTGOMERY, PA 306 R 12 12/31/87

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS CODE INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE COUNCIL CERTIFICATION:  
 DREXEL LODGE-DNAI BRIT 080 MAR BERNARD SPECTER 643-1673

1929 ORGANIZED BY

NAT UNIT AWARD EARNED NO

REREGISTERING ON TIME YES

TOP LEADER TRAINED ? NO

100% BOYS LIFE ? YES

BRECHER PA 19025 AMBLER PA 19002

MEETING PLACE AND DAY BOYS' LIFE: TERM BEGINS: ENDS  
 SANDY RUN MCL SUN TUE 12 3/87 2/88

SIGNATURES:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION QTY FEE

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE Bruce Ponomarev Secy UNIT CHARTER FEE \$ 20.00  
 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE JPH NO YOUTH 36 \$ 120.00  
Fred Golden MULTIPLE YOUTH XXXXXXXX  
 NO YOUTH 3/L SUBS 28 \$ 170.00  
Sidney A. Lee NO ADULTS 11 \$ 55.00  
Ray Faden MULTIPLE ADULTS XXXXXXXX  
 NO ADULT 3/L SUBS 0 \$  
 UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION Robert L. Cherry TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED \$ 357.20  
 357.20

180 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE TROOP ON BASIC BUDGET PLAN? HANDICAPPED L

ADULT MEMBER LISTING

LDR NO	POS	DL	ST	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & STATE	ZIP	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	GRADE
002558	SC R	(MC)	SIENEY	BAEH	[REDACTED]	ELKINS PARK PA	19117	07 / 100	M	H
<del>002559</del>	<del>SM R</del>		<del>ROBERT</del>	<del>CHERRY</del>	<del>[REDACTED]</del>	<del>PHILADELPHIA PA</del>	<del>19152</del>	<del>07 / 100</del>	<del>M</del>	<del>H</del>
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002660	MC R		BRUCE	DARDICK	[REDACTED]	AMBLER PA	19002	07 / 100	M	H
002561	SA R		HAL	FADEN	[REDACTED]	HORSCHMAN PA	19044	07 / 100	M	H
002562	SA R		LEE	FADEN	[REDACTED]	AMBLER PA	19002	07 / 100	M	H

March 22, 1988

Mr. David J. Skorupski  
Director of Field Services  
Valley Forge Council, No. 507

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Cherry

Dear Dave:

Thank you very much for the information which you recently sent us concerning the above-named individual. This is most helpful as we begin to accumulate a file which will enable us to refuse registration at a later time.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed, which will help us to identify Mr. Cherry should he attempt registration in some other location. We would also like a copy of an application or other paper with his signature as this aids in the identification process.

We hope you will keep us informed as more legal action takes place. We will need the final outcome of the charges.

Thank you again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

*on line Co - They have already dropped  
Co 507 - 50656 ID # 002559*

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Encl.

cc: Northeast Region  
Albert L. Smith, Scout Executive, Council No. 507

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MAR 23 1988  
ERIN ORILEY

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National Comput  
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CF file.*

CONF022187

# Teacher is arrested in morals case

By Bridgett M. Davis  
and Andrew Hussie  
Special to The Inquirer

A Neshaminy Junior High School teacher was arrested last night at his Northeast Philadelphia home after reports that he sexually molested a 3-year-old boy and four teenage Boy Scouts attending his day camp in Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County, police said.

Robert Cherry, 48, of the 2700 block of Taunton Street, was expected to be taken to the Police Administration Building at Eighth and Race Streets and to be transferred later to Gwynedd Township for arraignment, authorities said.

Cherry was to be charged with five counts of corrupting the morals of a minor, township investigators said.

He owns the Spring House Country Day Camp, a 40-acre facility on McKean Road, and also is an eighth-grade math teacher and a troop leader for Montgomery County Boy Scout Troop 656, which meets at Sandy Hill Middle School in Dresher.

Lower Gwynedd Detective Ronald Lynch said police issued an arrest warrant after the mother of a 15-year-old boy reported to a Montgomery County police department that Cherry sexually abused her son Feb. 20 during an overnight ski trip at Camp Laurel in the Poconos.

Lynch said the boy — who was in Cherry's scout troop — did not tell his mother about the incident until last week. Afterward, three other teenage scouts came forward with similar complaints.

Police said the 3-year-old boy was registered in the camp's kindergarten program. The boy came home from a day at the camp and told his mother that "someone was touching me," according to a police complaint.

Investigators said most of the incidents reportedly occurred last summer in the camp's main building during overnight outings. All the boys were residents of the eastern Montgomery County area, and some have left Cherry's troop, police said.

Edward Hancock, Lower Gwynedd police chief, said the scout troop had a history of boys abruptly quitting. He said he was investigating to determine whether other incidents of sexual abuse might have occurred.

Because of the allegations, the Boy Scout troop will be reorganized, said Albert Smith, council executive for the Valley Forge Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The council is the governing body for more than 500 troops in Delaware and Montgomery Counties.

"Of course he is out as a leader," Smith said of Cherry.

c Wednesday, March 16, 1988 The Philadelphia Inquirer 5-B

VALLEY FORGE COUNCIL



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

3-18-88

Dear Paul,

Send your usual kit -

We have dropped his registration  
and will be waiting to hear what  
the final outcome is.

Dave

DAVID J. SKORUPSKI

DIRECTOR - FIELD SERVICES

CONF022188

# Scout Master, Camp Owner, Is Arrested on Morals Charge

The owner of a Spring House day camp was arrested today on charges that he allegedly sexually assaulted four teen-agers and a three-year-old boy at the camp, Lower Gwynedd Township police said.

Robert Cherry, 48, of the 2700 block of Taunton Street, Northeast Philadelphia, was arrested by Philadelphia police early this morning at his home, according to Lower Gwynedd Police Chief Edward Hancock.

Hancock said Cherry will be transported to Lower Gwynedd today and will be arraigned before District Justice John S. Murray III of Blue Bell.

Cherry, a junior high school teacher, will be charged with five counts each of corrupting minors and indecent assault, according to reports.

The incidents occurred at the Spring House Country Day Camp on McKean Road between 1985 and the present, police said. They said Cherry owns the camp.

According to the criminal complaint, Cherry sexually assaulted the four teen-agers, ranging in age from 13 to 16,

numerous times while on overnight trips at the camp.

Some of the boys reported being assaulted as many as 10 to 15 times, police said, and many of the incidents occurred last summer.

The teen-agers, all of Eastern Montgomery County, were members of Boy Scout Troop 656 of Dresher and Cherry was their scout master, police said.

The three-year-old boy told his mother last summer that someone had been touching him, according to the criminal complaint. The three-year-old belonged to the day camp's kindergarten program, reports stated.

A fifth teen-ager, 13, told police he was never indecently assaulted, but Cherry would tell him how much he loved having the youth around.

During a discussion last week between Cherry and the father of one of the youths, Cherry admitted that he had a sexual problem and had assaulted a youth more than a year ago.