REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 10/30/90

	FULL NAME STEPHEN J. MERKEL (No initials if you can possibly get full name) S.S. NO.
	ADDRESS_
	CITY DOLUNCES GROUE STATE IL ZIP CODE GODIS - 303/19
	DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nuc 25, 1949</u> (This is important and should be exact)
	APPROXIMATE AGE (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)
	RELIGION PROFESSION NATIONALITY (Citizen of) U.S.
	OCCUPATION ? REXIDENCE COEN 2400 CURTIS DOUGUE GIEDUE,
	EDUCATION
	WEIGHT 5'8" HEIGHT 19'D RACE WHITE
	COLOR OF HAIR BUNCK COLOR OF EYES DEC
	ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERSTICS NONE
	HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS CONTRICTORS - ASTROJOIMY
	MARRIED /X/ SINGLE / NAME OF SPOUSE
	CHILDREN
	(Name, number, ages, if possible) SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:
	UNIT # CITY STATE POSITION DATE REGISTERED DATE RESIGNED 181 NICOLOGIA AZED COULTY MARC. 5189 Chartered Organization
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	INCIDENT: TYPE 2 DATE OF INCIDENT 6/1940 RESOLUTION PEANING - 3 Type Resolution
No	1=Scout Related 2=Non-scout related 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) 2=Criminal action 3 Court action 4 Probationary status 5 Reported to state agency
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May 1, 1991

Mr. Walter D. Johnson Scout Executive Dupage Area Council, No. 148

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEPHEN J. MERKEL

Dear Walt:

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 Yolunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



CONFIDENTIAL

April 10, 1991

SCOUTING/USA

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane P. O. Box 152079 Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

On October 16, 1990 I wrote to place Stephen J. Merkel's registration in suspension. In response to your letter of October 26, I am now writing to inform you of the outcome of the accusations made against Mr. Merkel.

Merkel was formally indicted on three charges of child molestation, none of which were Scout related. Monday, April 8th, as a result of plea bargaining, in lieu of trial, the DuPage County States Attorney's office dropped two of the charges and agreed to a sentence of one year probation, a \$500 fine, and specified formal counseling for Merkel in return for a guilty plea on one count of child molestation of a young girl.

Since the States Attorney was initially proceeding for a one year prison sentence and a \$1000 fine, Mr. Merkel was happy to plead guilty to the single count and the much more lenient sentence.

Mr. Merkel understands that he can never again be associated in any capacity with the BSA and has no incention of appealing his suspension of October 15, 1990.

I believe this concludes any necessary action on my part.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Johnson Scout Executive

WDJ/ef

P.S. I find it ironic that ten years ago Mr. Merkel, while still a Scoutmaster, demanded the resignation of one of his assistant Scoutmasters and insisted that his name be removed from the troop roster on file in the council office for telling off-color stories to Scouts in his troop.

DU PAGE AREA COUNCIL .

October 25, 1990

Mr. Walter D. Johnson Scout Executive Dupage Area Council, No. 148

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEPHEN J. MERKEL

Dear Walt:

I really appreciate the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This enables us to start a file, and to keep registration from being accepted at this time.

I am enclosing an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which I would like for you to complete, so we can identify this individual should be attempt registration in some other location. Please complete this with as much information as you have available.

We would also like to have the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. This will then complete our file and give us all the material necessary.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

October 16, 1990

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Mr. Paul Ernst, Director Registration & Subscription Service National Council Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane P. O. Box 152079 Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

Enclosed is a letter placing Stephen J. Merkel's registration in suspension.

Mr. Merkel, a former Scoutmaster of Troop 81. Loyal Order of the Moose, Naperville, Illinois, is currently registered as a merit badge counselor.

Merkel is 41, heavy set, weighing about 190 lbs. and standing about 5'8", with black hair. A copy of his most recent application is attached.

Merkel is under indictment for sexually abusing two boys in a non-Scout related incident, and will shortly come to trial. He has admitted to another Scouter whom he asked to testify to his character that "he touched the boys in a manner which gave him sexual gratification".

Sincerely

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Calded 10/34/90 Walter D. Johnson Scout Executive

WDJ/ef

Enclosure

DU PAGE AREA COUNCIL • NO. 148

October 15, 1990

Mr. Stephen J. Merkel

Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Dear Mr. Merkel:

After careful review we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

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

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Johnson Scout Executive

WDJ/ef

Enclosure

bc: Paul Ernst. Director Registration & Subscription Service

No. 28-501B. UNIT SCOUTERS Check one	COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS Council/District position
"ADULT APPLICATION Team No. OR	Merit Badne Counselor District name Illinois
Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making four copies. First name and initial Social STEPHENJ MERKEL Additional address information (if necess	I Security number (aptional)
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d. Has your driver's license ever been suspended Yes or revoked? (If yes, explain below.) a. Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of young people? (If yes, explain below.)	Signature of unit committee chairman Date
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4. Current memberships (religious, community, business, labor, or professional organizations). CHICAGO ASTRONOMY ACC NRA I understand that: a. The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organizations.	Signature of Scout executive or designee Date
ARCRA AREA APPLE USERS CROUP 5. References. Please list those who are lamiliar with your character as it relates to working with youth. References will be checked when necessary. ARCRA AREA APPLE USERS CROUP release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless the charered organization, 'ocal council, Boy Scouts of America, and the officers, emcloyees, and volunteers thereof.	APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS To the best of my knowledge, this applicant meets the leadership standards of the Boy Scouts of America:
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