

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 95 Date 12-26-89
Full name Steven J. (Steve) Cannon
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)
Social Security Number [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City Peachtree City State Georgia ZIP Code 30269
Date of Birth 08/31/60 (This is important and should be exact.)
Approximate age 29 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)
Religion _____ Nationality _____
Occupation NCR Corporation Education _____
Weight _____ Height _____ Race white
Color of hair _____ Color of eyes _____
Outstanding characteristics or interests Peachtree City Volunteer Fire Dept.
Married or single _____ Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
Spouse's name _____
Scouting connections: JL 02229 Chartered organization: Peachtree City Volunteer Fire Dept
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Unit No. E2209 City Peachtree City State GA
Position Scouting Coordinator, Committee Member Date registered 6-88 Date resigned 12-6-89
Special recognition _____
Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Child Sexual Abuse

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION)

Signed David Allen
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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January 30, 1990

Mr. J. David Allen
Scout Executive
Flint River Council, No 95

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SUBJECT: Steven J. Cannon

Dear David:

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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FLINT RIVER COUNCIL (95)
Box 173, Griffin, Ga. 30224
Telephone: [REDACTED]

December 29, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
PO Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Ernst:

On November 28th Bryant Betsill of Peachtree City contacted Scout Executive David Allen, at the Council Office, by telephone to relate to David Allen an experience that Explorer [REDACTED] had repeated to him. [REDACTED] told Mr. Betsill that Steve Cannon, Charter Representative and Committee Member of Post 209, had made sexual advances to him. The results of that conversation is now documented and attached.

There were at least two other boys who have collaborated statements of [REDACTED]. Mr. Cannon is a Committee Member of Post 209 sponsored by the Peachtree City Fire Department. The Fire Dept. Chief had dismissed Mr. Cannon from future involvement with the Post prior to my knowledge of the incident.

District Commissioner, Joe Wortham contacted me later the day Mr. Betsill did, as well as District Executive, Ty Smith. Both related the same story. I discussed the matter with Council President, Doug Mitchell. He contacted the Peachtree City Police Department. They said that they would not release any information on the matter, but did indicate that there was an on going investigation.

With this information Council President Doug Mitchell and myself made the decision to go ahead and present the separation letter and refund Mr. Cannon's fee. However, it took two days to deliver the letter as we could not find Mr. Cannon. The separation letter was delivered by David Allen, Scout Executive, Ed Harvey, Field Director, and Joe Wortham, District Commissioner.

Mr. Cannon made no comments when we delivered the letter. He only said ok after reading the letter.

Sincerely,

David Allen

David Allen
Scout Executive

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1989
BETWEEN THE TIMES OF 7:00 PM AND
8:00 PM THE FOLLOWING EVENTS OCCURRED:

I, [REDACTED] WENT TO STEVE CANNON'S
HOME IN [REDACTED] FOR
AN INTERVIEW CONCERNING VOLUNTEER
FIREMAN. STEVE KNEW ME WELL THROUGH
HIS INVOLVEMENT IN EXPLORER POST
ZOO. AFTER A SHORT INTERVIEW HE SAID,
"I WANT TO SHOW YOU A MOVIE." AT THIS
TIME HE PUT IN A PORNOGRAPHIC TAPE
WITH 2 WOMEN AND 1 MAN ENGAGED
IN A VARIETY OF SEXUAL PERVERSIONS,
INCLUDING SODOMY. STEVE ASKED ME
SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING MY SEXUAL
EXPERIENCES TO WHICH I DID NOT GIVE
AN ANSWER. FINALLY HE CAME OUT AND
ASKED IF I WOULD SHOW HIM (STEVE)
MY [REDACTED] SEX ORGAN. I REFUSED POLITELY
BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT HURT
ME. HE THEN BEGAN TO GO THROUGH A
SERIES OF STATEMENTS TO TRY AND
CONVINCE ME TO DO IT:

1. HE OFFERED ME MONEY.
2. I FEEL CONFIDENT YOU WOULD GET ON AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN.
3. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE ANOTHER GUY.
4. YOU DID IT IN HIGH SCHOOL IN P.E. WHEN YOU TOOK SHOWERS, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?
5. HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED HAVING SEX WITH A MAN?
6. IT DOESNT MEAN YOUR SAY, YOU JUST DO IT CAUSE IT FEELS GOOD.

A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE HAPPENED TO
[REDACTED] EXCEPT STEVE
TRIED TO GET HIM DRUNK. IN
[REDACTED] CASE STEVE
TRIED TO GET HIM TO MAKE A
PORNOGRAPHIC FILM W/ HIM, MYSELF
AND THESE OTHER TWO SCOUTS
ARE THE ONLY I KNOW OF, BUT
WHAT SCARES ME IS THE FACT
THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY TWO
I HAVE ASKED.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH SCOUTING
FOR YEARS, THE MEMORIES I HOLD ARE
THE GREATEST A BOY COULD ASK FOR.
I AM SO THANK FULL THAT I AM
OLD ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE
EMOTIONS THAT FOLLOW AN EVENT
LIKE THIS. I PRAY AS THIS INVESTIGATION
CONTINUES THAT NO 11 OR 12 YEAR OLD
BOYS WILL THIS OF HAPPENED TO, THINK
OF THE TRAGIC HORRIBLE MEMORIES
A BOY MIGHT HAVE OF SCOUTING IN
A SITUATION LIKE THAT. STEVE CANNOT
MUST BE OUT OF SCOUTING NOW AND
FOREVER. NO HUMAN SHOULD EVER HAVE



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

FLINT RIVER COUNCIL (95)
Box 173, Griffin, Ga. 30224
Telephone: [REDACTED]

December 6, 1989

Mr. Steve Cannon
[REDACTED]

Peachtree City, Ga. 30269

Dear Steve:

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

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 attached.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Mitchell
Council President

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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Southeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, Southeast Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.