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Gardner, Keith M Sp

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 6, 1984

FULL NAME Keith M Gardner  
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 5713 Avalon Woods Drive

CITY Virginia Beach STATE VA ZIP CODE 23464

DATE OF BIRTH October 1963 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 20 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Unknown NATIONALITY US Citizen

OCCUPATION Unknown

EDUCATION Unknown

WEIGHT 160 HEIGHT 6' RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Reddish/brown COLOR OF EYES Unknown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Unknown

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN -0-

WIFE'S NAME -0-

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
437	Virginia Beach	VA	Scout	October 1974	May 1983
SPECIAL RECOGNITION			<u>Unknown</u>		

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

2 counts felony sodomy 1 count of taking indecent liberties with juveniles  
SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

(See attached)

NOTED  
FEB 14 '85  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Tidewater

April 30, 1985

Mr. J. B. Terwilliger  
Scout Executive  
Tidewater Council, No. 596

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Keith Gardner

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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MAY 01 1985  
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READY FOR FILE  
JAN 04 1985  
CARMEN FREEMAN

January 4, 1985

Mr. Jack Terwilliger  
Scout Executive  
Tidewater Council, No. 596

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for the information concerning Keith Madison Gardner. This information will be most helpful to us in making certain that we can refuse registration at a later time.

Please tell us the sentencing as soon as this takes place. We note that the article indicated that sentencing will take place on March 5. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks again for the complete information which you have enclosed.

Sincerely,

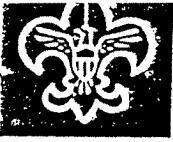
Paul Ernst, Director  
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cc: Southeast Region

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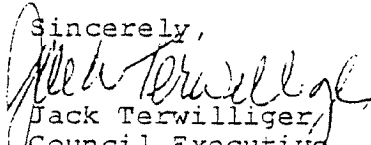


December 31, 1984

Mr. Paul Ernest, Director  
Registration Subscription &  
Statistical Service  
National Office BSA  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Attached please find the follow-up news article regarding  
Keith Madison Gardner who was found guilty to ten counts of  
sodomy.

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Terwilliger,  
Council Executive



SERVING THE YOUTH OF CHESAPEAKE, NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH AND VIRGINIA BEACH  
IN VIRGINIA, AND CAMDEN, CHOWAN, CURRITUCK, DARE, PASQUOTANK, GATES  
AND PERQUIMANS COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA  
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The Virginian-Post, Friday, Dec. 23, 1984

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## Beach man pleads guilty to 10 counts of sodomy

CHESAPEAKE — Keith Madison Gardner, 21, a co-defendant in the case of a former Boy Scout leader who was convicted of sexually assaulting 20 of his troop members, pleaded guilty today in Circuit Court to 10 felony sodomy charges.

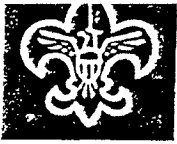
Gardner, of the 5700 block of Avalon Woods Drive in Virginia Beach, admitted assaulting nine boys ages 8 to 14 from September 1982 through last May.

Seven of the charges were for forcible sodomy, each carrying a maximum punishment of life imprisonment. The remaining counts were for consensual sodomy and carried a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Sentencing was set for March 5. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kenneth R. Taft Jr. said Gardner's May 31 arrest was in connection with the arrest of Arthur W. Humphries, 71, of the 1200 block Elder Ave. Humphries pleaded guilty in September to 31 felony sodomy charges stemming from sexual assaults on boys ages 8 to 18. He was sentenced Nov. 1 to a total of 151 years in prison.

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March 8, 1985

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service  
National Office, BSA  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Here is a follow-up article regarding Keith M. Gardner.

Sincerely,

*Jack Terwilliger*  
Jack Terwilliger  
Council Executive

cc Harold Fieszel



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# Man gets 16-year term for assaulting Scouts

By EVE MARKOWITZ

CHESAPEAKE — Circuit Judge William L. Forbes, noting that he was proud to have been a Scout himself, on Tuesday sentenced Keith Madison Gardner of Virginia Beach to 16 years in prison for sexually assaulting nine Boy Scouts, ages 9 to 14.

"I've always been pleased I was a member of the Boy Scouts," the judge said. "To review these reports and see these children have been abused — it's just almost beyond belief."

Gardner will be eligible for parole in about three years, an assistant commonwealth's attorney said.

Gardner, 21, of the 5700 block of Avalon Woods Drive, sat pale and expressionless through much of the hearing.

The father of two of his victims said he was pleased by the outcome.

"There is no sentence severe enough for someone who molests children," the father said.

Gardner testified that he had been "blackmailed" into abusing the boys by Arthur Humphries, a former Scout leader sentenced to 151 years in prison last November for sexually assaulting 20 of his troop members.

Gardner's crimes took place from September 1982 through last May in Humphries' home in the Norfolk Highlands section of Chesapeake.

Gardner was an 11-year-old Boy Scout looking for a merit-badge counselor when he met Humphries, a Scout leader who enjoyed high standing in the Scouting community and who won two presidential citations for his work.

Gardner was first assaulted by Humphries at age 12. The Scout leader went on to take photographs of the

boy in sexual activity with other Scouts, according to testimony.

Gardner eventually dropped out of the Boy Scouts. When he was 18, he was called by Humphries and blackmailed into returning to the Scout leader's house, testimony indicated.

"He said the photos would go in the newspaper," Gardner testified, adding that "I hated myself."

However, he visited Humphries and was persuaded to commit the acts, he said, out of fear of publicity and alienating his family.

A psychologist and psychiatrist who have analyzed Gardner told Forbes that Gardner shows no natural tendency toward being a homosexual or a pedophile, and is a minimal risk to society.

Though Gardner's acts were an "atrocious," psychologist Thomas A. Pasquale said, Humphries had demonstrated remarkable skill at coercion.

The nine boys had all been molested by Humphries, and Gardner was another victim of the authority figure, said defense attorney Tazewell T. Hubbard III, who asked that Gardner be placed under probation.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kenneth Taft said that Gardner committed his acts at ages 18, 19 and 20, and that he seemed to have no consideration for the effect on his young victims.

He questioned why Gardner, who had dropped out of the Scouts, had been intimidated by Humphries.

"To expose Keith," Taft said, "Mr. Humphries would have had to expose himself. How could he perceive this to be coercion?"

The maximum punishment that Gardner could have received on the 10 felony sodomy charges was seven life sentences and 15 years.



June 14, 1984

Mr. J. B. Terwilliger  
Scout Executive  
Tidewater Council, No. 596

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the information concerning Arthur Rumphries and Keith Gardner. This information will be most helpful to us as we refuse registration at a later time.

I hope you will keep us informed as further things develop. We would certainly like to know the outcome of any legal action which does take place. If there is a trial, we would like to know if conviction is indicated, and also the sentencing so that we may add this information to our files.

Any statements from individuals who have been connected with the troop or who were involved in these activities would also help to strengthen our files.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or we can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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JUN 14 1984  
DAWN HARDELL

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# NEWS ALERT

Date: June 1, 1984  
Time: 12:30 pm

Followup to verbal report of May 23, The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

Source: Dave Davies, Field Director Telephone: 804-622-1801

Address: Tidewater Council, Norfolk, VA. (Name and Title)

- 1. CSZ
- 2. Admin.
- 3. Legal
- 4. Legal
- 5. Comm.
- 6. Pers.

The facts: Arthur Humphries, 69, 1210 Elder Ave., Chesapeake, VA is under arrest f  
12 counts of sodomy allegedly involving Boy Scouts over a period of 3 years  
some during Scout activities. He was a Scoutmaster at that time, but not at the  
time of his recent arrest. He is married with several grown children.

Keith Gardner, 20, single, 5713 Avalon Woods Dr., Virginia Beach, VA ,  
under arrest on 2 counts of sodomy and 1 count of indecent liberties with a minor  
in the same case. Gardner was a Scout in the council from October 1974 to May 19  
but is not now registered. Whether Gardner was in Humphries troop is not  
immediately clear.

Council is cooperating with police agencies in their investigation. Dave  
called regarding release of additional records; Park to call him back.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

Region is aware of situation. Council following standard procedures.

There is heavy publicity.

Signed: Barday Boller  
Ext: 2271

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# Beach man held

## sex charges

By SHARON NOVOTNE  
and BILL REED

CHESAPEAKE — A 30-year-old Virginia Beach man was jailed Thursday on three sex charges, and officials said his arrest was related to one last week in which a 68-year-old former Boy Scout leader faces similar charges.

Keith Gardner, of the 5700 block of Avalon Woods Drive, a former Boy Scout, was charged with two counts of felony sodomy and one count of taking indecent liberties with juveniles. Police declined to elaborate on the incidents.

When asked if the case that resulted in Gardner's arrest involved Boy Scouts, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kenneth R. Tait Jr. said, "I'm not going to say whether they were or weren't. The less said about it at this point, the easier for the children."

Gardner, arrested early Thursday at his home, is in the city jail under \$70,000 bond. He was scheduled to appear in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on Thursday, but the bail hearing was postponed until today.

Gardner was a member of the Woodstock Lions Club of Virginia Beach Boy Scout Troop 437 from October 1974 through May 1983, an official of the Tidewater Boy Scout Council said. Gardner is a Kennerly High School graduate and a former student at the Virginia Beach Campus of Tidewater Community College, college officials said.

Though police declined to release information, alleged incidents resulting in the charges against Gardner, law enforcement officials said his arrest was related to the arrest last week of former Boy Scout leader Arthur W. Humphries, 69, of the 1200 block of Elder Ave. in Chesapeake's Norfolk Highlands section.

Humphries, a Boy Scout leader and adviser for more than 30 years before his troop of handicapped Scouts disbanded about a year ago, was charged with nine counts of felony sodomy and three counts of manufacturing pornography. A camera and photographs of nude boys were among items police confiscated in a search of Humphries' home, according to search warrant affidavits filed in Circuit Court. Humphries remains in jail under \$140,000 bond.

6/2/84 VIRGINIA PILOT

Sunday, June 3, 1984

# Beach Scout unit was rebuilt

Editor, Virginian-Pilot

As present leaders of Boy Scout Troop 437, we are deeply concerned about the story on the arrest of Keith Gardner on sex charges and the implication that the charges stemmed from his activities as a Scout with Troop 437 ("Beach man held on sex charges," June 1).

Last August, we took over leadership of Troop 437, which was almost defunct. All that remained of what had once been one of the area's larger and better troops was one Scout and a lot of outdoor gear. Since August we have worked hard to rebuild the troop, taking on several outstanding young Scouts, camping every month and participating in all the normal

Scout functions. Our advancement record has been exceptional for a troop of all young Scouts because these Scouts are dedicated to the program. We will attend summer camp in July and are looking forward to taking on a number of new Scouts soon from the Woodstock-area Cub packs.

Our concern is the effect the article may have on the rebuilding program we have so carefully nurtured. We want to make completely clear that Troop 437 is new in everything but the troop number. New Scouts, new adult leaders, new troop committee and even a new meeting location. Keith Gardner has not been associated with the troop in any manner since

it was formed last August. We offer an exciting, quality program that includes year-round monthly camping with a wide variety of outdoor events that are both fun and educational.

We hope parents in the Woodstock area will understand and will continue to support Troop 437. There is no better Scout program in the area.

DAN SAMEK,  
GEORGE BELZER,  
Scoutmasters,  
Troop 437

Virginia Beach

6/1/84  
**Beach man arrested  
on 3 sex charges**

SHARON NOVOTNE  
and BILL REED

A 30-year-old Virginia Beach man was arrested on three sex charges last week. Arrested Thursday, Gardner, 68, was charged with two counts of felony sodomy and one count of taking indecent liberties. The charges stem from incidents involving juveniles. Police declined to elaborate.

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