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ASTLEFORD, DALE LAURENCE
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 3/7/84FULL NAME DALE LAWRENCE ASTLEFORD SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)ADDRESS 8312 Sheridan Ave S Bloomington MNCITY BLOOMINGTON STATE MN ZIP CODE _____

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

APPROXIMATE AGE 54 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION PART OWNER OF ASTLEFORD EQUIPMENT. A HEAVY-EQUIPMENT DEALER IN RICHFIELD

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT _____ HEIGHT _____ RACE _____

COLOR OF HAIR _____ COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS _____

MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN YES ALL GROWN
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

CR SHEET TYPED FROM THE INFORMATION WE HAD
INFOMATION RECEIVED FROM COUNCIL 289SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

NOTED

MAY 31 '84

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed _____
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council _____

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READY TO FILE
JUN 4 1984
ERIN O'RILEY

June 1, 1984

Mr. C. M. Hammett
Scout Executive
Viking Council, No. 289

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dale Lawrence Astleford

Dear Clarence:

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 I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

tkf

cc: North Central

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February 29, 1984

Mr. E. M. Hammett
Scout Executive
Viking Council, No. 289

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dale Astleford

Dear Clarence:

We have had correspondence for quite some time concerning the above named individual. We wonder if the case has now been settled and what the final disposition was.

If you can send us any information either in the way of court records or newspaper clippings, we shall certainly appreciate it. We would also like a confidential record sheet completed so that we may identify Mr. Astleford wherever he might move.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: North Central Region

READY FOR FILE
FEB 29 1984
DAWN HARDELL

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2/28/84

We have not heard anything new on this case.

Man pleads guilty to sex with boy, 13

A 42-year-old Bloomington man, charged in connection with a child pornography case, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Hennepin County District Judge David Leslie ordered a psychological evaluation of Dale Lawrence Astleford, 8311 Sheridan Av. S., who has been receiving psychiatric care.

Astleford pleaded guilty to charges involving sex with a 13-year-old boy. Others filed against him — second-degree criminal sexual conduct and promotion of minors to engage in obscene works — are to be dismissed when he is sentenced on Dec. 2.

The charges were filed in January, but the trial was delayed while Astleford's attorney, James Cullen, unsuccessfully sought their dismissal on grounds of police misconduct involving WCCO-TV. A reporter and camera crew were present when officers searched Astleford's home and busi-

ness. Astleford remains free on \$40,000 bail. His neighbors and business associates had expressed shock at the charges against the man, who taught Sunday school, took in two foster children and sponsored a Scout Explorer post.

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January 26, 1984

Mr. C. M. Harrett
Scout Executive
Viking Council, No. 289

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ~~Rale Astleford~~

Dear Clarence:

For the last year and half we have had correspondence concerning the above named individual. We had asked that a confidential record sheet be prepared so that we could identify Mr. Astleford wherever he might move. To my knowledge, we have not received this information.

We would also like to know if there was a trial and the outcome. This information will strengthen our case in refusing registration.

Sincerely,

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

tkf

cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE

JAN 27 1984

SANDRA DEMPSEY

CONF002581

DYKES_I_002559

September 29, 1983

Mr. C. M. Hammett
Scout Executive
Viking Council, No. 289

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dale Astleford

Dear Clarence:

During 1982, we had some correspondence concerning the above named individual. At that time, charges had been filed against Mr. Astleford concerning his relations with youth.

We had sent you a letter asking for a confidential record sheet and I have no record in my file of having received this. We would certainly like to refuse registration in case Mr. Astleford should try to register and, therefore, would like this sheet completed so we may identify him wherever he should move in the country.

We would also like for you to send us the outcome of the trial which took place indicating sentencing. This will be most helpful in strengthening our file.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE

SEP 29 1983

SANDRA DEMPSEY

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February 12, 1982

Mr. Clarence M. Hammett
Scout Executive
Pike County Council # 289

SUBJECT: Dale Astleford

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hammett:

In response to the memo you sent us concerning the above Scouter we are enclosing a confidential record sheet. We would appreciate your completing this record sheet and returning it to us as soon as possible, so we can identify this man in the future.

Thank you for the newspaper clippings you sent. They will be most helpful in supporting our action of placing this man on the confidential file. We would appreciate any further information you may receive in the future, such as trial date and sentencing.

Thanks very much,

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

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FROM THE DESK OF
JACQUIE CLEMENS

In re: Dale Astleford Incident

- 1-19 Phil Williams called to say that Astleford had talked to his minister and assured him that no sunday school or Boy Scouts were involved. Astleford and Williams go to same church.
- 1-19 4:25 PM Paul Gustafson from Mpls. Tribune called wanting information on Astleford's association with Scouting. I said he was not a registered Scouter. Gustafson asked when he ceased to be one and I said over a year ago. Gustafson asked what his involvement was and I said his compnay sponsored an Explor. Post and he was not directly involved.
- 1-19 4:35 PM Keith Brown-WCCO Radio- called and wanted me to confirm that Astleford was a Scouter and I said no he was not a registered Scouter. He asked if we had a picture of Astelford and I said no. Brown said thank you and it was not his intention to involve the BSA and I said I should hope not.

F. STARON

FEB 8 1982

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FROM THE DESK OF
JACQUIE CLEMENS

In re: Dale Astelford Incident

1-19 12:45 PM KSTP TV called (do not remember name)
He asked for Astleford's involvement - I said
he was not a registered Scouter. He asked for
name of Post and members names which I refused
to give him. He will call Mr. Hammett on
Thursday.

F. STARON

FEB 8 1982

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Mpls. Star 1-29-82

evening paper

Pornography charges filed

Child pornography charges led to the arrest of a Bloomington man accused of being part of a national pornography network.

Dale Lawrence Astleford, 51, 8312 S. Sheridan Ave., was charged Monday with criminal sexual conduct in the first and second degrees, and promotion of minors to engage in obscene works. The charges involve two brothers, aged 11 and 13, who live in Hennepin County.

In the complaint, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agent Paul N. Gerber said police and postal inspectors arrested Astleford after sending him letters asking to exchange sexually explicit photographs of children. The response, Gerber said, were several photographs, including those of the brothers.

Police said they have identified more than 30 boys from photographs taken from Astleford's home.

Astleford's arrest marks the fourth time in six months that charges have been brought in Hennepin County against men accused of sexually abusing and photographing children.

F. STARON

FEB 8 1982

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COUNCIL # 289

CALLER

UNIT #

DIST.#

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

2064

LAWRENCE

DALE A ASTELFORD

TEMPORARY HOLD FOR CF

MORE INFO COMING-

PROBLEM(s)

REGISTRATION _____

BOYS' LIFE _____

NAME

PEER

DATE

2-2-82

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Imp. Tribune - 1-19-82

Astleford

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tained pornographic photographs through the mail from Astleford's address, according to search-warrant affidavits. Two St. Paul postal inspectors then assumed an undercover name, Bill Howard, and an undercover address in Aberdeen, S.D. They wrote to Astleford at his Bloomington address and received nine photographs of boys, according to the search warrants.

Search-warrant affidavits are not formal charges, but are facts and allegations collected by law enforcement officials to justify to a magistrate that there is reason to conduct a search. Police applied for warrants to search Astleford's home and business last week.

This is the second area case in recent months involving distribution of child pornography. Last fall a South High School teacher, Terrill Allen Hanson, was charged in a case involving pornographic movies. He is believed to be living in a Paris suburb.

The trial of another man charged in connection with the Hanson case, Patrick Henry Cain, is scheduled to begin Jan. 25 in Hennepin County District Court.

Astleford has been charged in Hennepin County District Court with promotion of minors to engage in obscene works, first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. He is being held in the Hennepin County Jail. Bail has been set at \$40,000.

Although the complaint filed against Astleford referred to a national network for the sale and exchange of obscene works involving minors, officials were reluctant yesterday to give details about the system.

Floyd Roman, assistant superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, declined to comment on whether Astleford distributed photographs for profit.

R.J. Ramirez, a St. Paul postal inspector, said he could not say whether the postal service paid for the photographs it received through the mail.

The search warrants give this account of the charges involving the brothers:

After photographs were sent to the assumed name at the South Dakota address, law officers identified two of the boys as brothers from Richfield. Officials talked to them and their parents.

The 13-year-old boy told officials he had known Astleford for about a year and that Astleford had taken as many as 250 to 300 pictures of him. He also said he had had sexual contact with Astleford as many as three or four times a week over the past year.

The 11-year-old boy said that he had known Astleford for about 5 years, and that sexual contact first occurred when he was a guest in Astleford's home.

Hundreds of photographs were taken from Astleford's home under the search warrant, according to Roman of the crime bureau. A basement room contained photo processing equipment, according to a search warrant inventory list.

Bloomington man arrested on charges of pornography

By Roberta Walburn
Staff Writer

A Bloomington man has been arrested on child pornography charges after undercover postal inspectors infiltrated what they described as a nationwide network for the distribution of photographs of boys.

Dale Astleford, 51, 8312 Sheridan Av. S., faces four charges involving two boys, brothers aged 11 and 13.

About 33 boys have been identified from photographs found in Astleford's home, according to Patricia Downey, a juvenile officer with the Bloomington Police Department, and the investigation into the case is continuing.

Downey described Astleford as "a pillar of the community." He taught Sunday school and was active in the Boy Scouts, she said. Downey said Astleford is part owner of Astleford Equipment, a heavy-equipment dealer in Richfield, is married and has grown children.

Downey said that Astleford may have been involved in child pornography for 10 years and that many of the 33 boys identified in photographs now are adults.

Local officials apparently began their investigation in October after being contacted by the New Orleans Police Department, which had ob-

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Morning paper

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