CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: JUNE 14, 1985

FULL NAME: FRED WELLS

ADDRESS: 1231 S. WALNUT

CITY: FREEPORT STATE: IL. ZIP CODE: 61032

DATE OF BIRTH: 6/32

APPROXIMATE AGE: 52

RELIGION: ROMAN CATHOLIC NATIONALITY: 

OCCUPATION: FREEPORT PLANT OF HOUSEHOLD MFG.

EDUCATION: 

WEIGHT: 175 HEIGHT: 6' RACE: CAUCASIAN

COLOR OF HAIR: BROWN COLOR OF EYES: BROWN

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS: 

MARRIED OR SINGLE: MARRIED CHILDREN: 

WIFE'S NAME: 

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT # CITY STATE OFFICE DATE REGISTERED DATE RESIGNED

0721 FREEPORT IL. SA 6/82 5/1/85

SM 5/1/85 5/5/85

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: 

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

INFORMATION ATTACHED

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND ATTACK SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

F. STARON

JUN 18 1985

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

MAY 23 '86

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

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June 2, 1986

Mr. Charles M. Buenger
Scout Executive
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Fred Wells

Dear Chuck:

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

cc: East Central Region

JUN 3 1986
SHIRLEY MEYER
July 16, 1985

Mr. C. M. Buenger
Scout Executive
Blackhawk Area Council, No. 660

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for all the material you have sent on Fred Wells. Just today I received your newspaper articles concerning the sentencing. This is most helpful to us in strengthening our file and giving us all the material we need for future refusal of registration.

Please let us know if we may be of any help. Thank you again for your follow through on this case.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service

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c: East Central Region

READY FOR FILE

JUL 18 1985
CARME FREEMAN
July 9, 1985

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul,

Enclosed is another newspaper article concerning Fred Wells.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

C. M. Buenger
Council Executive

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F. Staron
JUL 15 1985
July 3, 1985

Mr. Fred Wells
1231 S. Walnut Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032

Dear Mr. Wells,

Enclosed is a check for $10.40 returning your registration and Boys’ Life fee paid with Troop 721.

Sincerely,

C. M. Buenger
Council Executive
CMB/clb
cc: Paul Ernst

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N° 66647

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Fred Wells
Ten Dollars and 40/100

ENDORSEMENT ACKNOWLEDGES PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

Refund Boys’ Life and Registration Fees

BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

[Signature]

ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO. ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

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MR. PAUL ERNST
1325 WALNUT HILL LANE
IRVING, TEXAS 75038-3096

DEAR PAUL,

ENCLOSED IS CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET CONCERNING
FRED WELLS, TROOP 0721, FREEPORT, IL.

SEVERAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ARE INCLUDED AS SUPPORT-
ING MATERIAL.

PLEASE SEND US CREDIT FOR HIS REGISTRATION SO THAT
WE CAN SEND HIM A REFUND.

THANKS.

SINCERELY,

C. M. BUENGER
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CC: GLENN HAGEMANN
    GAYLE BODIN
    PAUL LOGLI
    WALT LEWIS

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Man Charged in Sexual Abuse of Boy

Fred Wells, 52, 1231 S. Walnut Avenue, was indicted by the grand jury on one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving a 14 year-old boy earlier this month.

The indictment followed an investigation by the Freeport Police Department, said state's attorney Charles Hartman.

The offense is a class two felony punishable by 3-7 years in prison.

Wells posted a $7,500 bond and was released.

The grand jury has finished its deliberations and will not be recalled at this time, said Hartman.
Hearing Friday in sex abuse case

By DAN CURRY
Journal Standard Reporter

Freeport Police, are questioning members of a Freeport Boy Scout troop in the wake of last Friday's sex abuse arrest of the troop's former scoutmaster.

"The investigation is still continuing," said juvenile officer Jim Harris. "We're talking to the kids in the troop. We can't release any information at this time."

The investigation was prompted by the grand jury indictment and subsequent arrest of Fred Wells, 52, Freeport, on one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse allegedly involving a 14-year-old boy earlier this month. Wells pleaded not guilty and posted $750 bond.

Wells allegedly performed oral sex on the boy, according to the indictment.

He was named scoutmaster of the troop on May 1 and resigned May 30, according to Chuck Buenger, scout executive, Blackhawk Council, who declined to comment further on the resignation. Prior to May 1, Wells served as the troop's assistant scoutmaster, Buenger said.

"I don't know if they (the troop committee) did have a concern with Mr. Wells," Buenger said. "It did involve a scout but they were not involved in a scout activity."

Troop committees, usually three or four people, decide on leaders and policy for the troop. In Freeport, there are 14 troops ranging from under 10 to more than 10 members.

"That's the reason we work through the church or school and group of local people," Buenger said.

"When we have a question we go back to those people, the troop committee. When there is incontrovertible proof, and a person is found guilty, he is no longer registered with us. We are going to follow through on this."

Wells has been involved in scouting in Freeport since at least 1977, according to Blackhawk Council records in Rockford.

Stephenson County State's Attorney Charles Hartman declined to release other details.

"It's a 14-year-old boy. I'm not going to drag it around in the mud," he said.

The initial investigation that resulted in the indictment was conducted by the Freeport Police Department.

A hearing to set a trial date has been set Friday at 9:30 a.m. before Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Smith. Aggravated criminal sexual abuse is a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in prison.

Please refer any news or inquiries about this case to me.

Thanks!

[Signature]

E. W. [Signature]
Executive Committee

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Local man pleads guilty

By LINDA BEAN
Journal Standard Reporter

A former Freeport scoutmaster accused of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old member of his scout troop pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual abuse today.

Fredrick Wells, 52, entered his plea in a hearing before Circuit Court Judge F. Lawrence Lenz. Wells is scheduled for sentencing July 5, according to State's Attorney Charles Hartman.

"The judge has the authority to sentence (Wells) to anything between probation and 14 years in prison," Hartman said following the hearing.

But the state and defense have jointly recommended that Wells be sentenced to 30 days in jail with the provision he be released daily to work, 30 months supervised proba-

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Wells receives
18-month sentence

By LINDA BEAN
Journal Standard Reporter

Fredrick Wells, 53, who pleaded guilty in June to aggravated criminal sexual abuse, was remanded to the custody of the county sheriff by Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Lenz, whose sentence was far more severe than the jail term recommended by the state attorney’s office.

Wells pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a 13-year-old boy in a vehicle near a local park. Wells was supposed to be tutoring and counseling the youth, a member of Wells’ Boy Scout troop, when the assault occurred.

Judge Lenz’ sentencing order was handed down after Wells completed a nearly five-minute statement to the court. During his remarks, Wells said he wanted "to assure the court of my deep regret for having done this abusive act."

The former scout master acknowledged that he violated the trust of his young victim and the trust "of my family, the scout troop, it goes on and on."

Wells said his victim "trusted me and I hurt him. He neither needed that or deserved it."

"I assure the court of my regret. I am committed to change my life," Wells said.

During the sentencing hearing, a long-standing friend of the Wells family was called as a character witness.

Joe Hibbard of Lena told the court he has known Wells for 26 years. Wells is a "conscientious" and "honest person," Hibbard said.

Hibbard said he was not aware that Wells was bi-sexual or a pedophile until "I read it in the papers."

Defense attorney William Sissler noted for the record that his client voluntarily sought counseling and offered to pay up to $1,000 for any counseling services his victim needed.

His client has "acknowledged his guilt and was prepared to plead guilty," Sissler said. "I believe he is a proper candidate for probation."

Prosecuting attorney Charles Hartman told the court he "was torn between two poles" concerning Wells’ sentence.

First, the state’s attorney said, was his belief that Wells should "be cut out of the cloth of society for some time."

But secondly, Hartman said, he realized that a prison term would create a "hardship" for Wells’ family by denying them of needed income.

His compromise was a 30 month probation period, 30 days in jail, continued counseling and restitution to the victim.

That compromise was agreed to by Sissler, who also requested his client be allowed to travel to Canada to consult with family members who could "offer insight" into Wells’ psychological problems.

Lenz, however, declined to be bound by the recommendation.

"You hurt a lot of people," he told Wells. "You broke the law and you hurt us all."

Wells, who was diagnosed as a bi-sexual pedophile, has offered the court no evidence that his illness "has ended," Lenz said.

"You did violate a trust. You used your position as a scout leader...to do so," the judge said.
Former leader sentenced for molesting Scout

By Sue Gorman
The Register-Star

FREEPORT — A former Freeport Boy Scout leader was sentenced Friday to 18 months periodic imprisonment and 30 months probation for sexual molestation of a member of his Boy Scout troop.

Frederick B. Wells, 53, was remanded to custody of the Stephenson County Sheriff’s Department immediately after the sentence imposed by Ogle County Circuit Judge Lawrence F. Lenz. The sentence was longer than had been recommended by State’s Attorney Charles Hartman when Wells pleaded guilty last month to aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Hartman had recommended a 30-day jail sentence in addition to the 30-month probation.

Wells was arrested in May after he was accused of molesting the 13-year-old boy in his van when he was supposed to be helping the boy with homework and general counseling. Wells, who had been active in scouting for several years, resigned as scoutmaster when the investigation began.

Judge Lenz’s sentence was the maximum allowed for a felon who is sentenced to a county jail. Under provisions of the sentence, Wells will be released from custody to go to work and counseling sessions, which he has voluntarily begun.

Prior to his sentencing, Wells spoke to the court to “assure the court of my deep regret for having done this abhorrent act.”

He said his actions were “more than the abuse of one person. I have violated many trusts of my family, the Boy Scout troop, it goes on and on.” He added he repeatedly hurt his young victim whom he described as a “sensitive boy who trusted me.”

Wells told the court he knew he must restructure and redirect his lifestyle. Wells was described in a psychiatric report as a “biological pedophile.” Lenz told Wells that he was right that he had “hurt a lot of people.” The judge added that there was no evidence that Wells’ psychosexual disorder has ended.

Lenz said that Wells had violated a trust and used his position as a Boy Scout leader to commit a crime.

Other terms of the sentence include Wells paying $3,000 to the victim and his family for counseling.

Hartman said after the hearing that the sentence was “a good sentence.” He said that if he had recommended prison time, which he supports for sexual offenders, Wells’ family also would be punished since he supports them. He said a 30-day jail sentence was recommended because of the county’s current overcrowding in the jail.

“Every jail sentence is made with an eye that we have no calls.” Hartman said. He added that now, one of the 24 jail cells will be in use for a year and a half while the county is busking about 10 prisoners a night in other jails.

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