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FULL NAME
RICHARD STANLEY HALVORSON
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS
6318 KUEBLER DR AND 5922 PAINTERS

CITY
NEW ORLEANS
STATE
LOUISIANA
ZIP CODE
70122

DATE OF BIRTH
(THIS IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE EXACT)

APPROXIMATE AGE
51
(To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION
PRESBYTERIAN
NATIONALITY

OCCUPATION
SOUND ENGINEER - PHOTOGRAPHER

EDUCATION
UNKNOWN

WEIGHT
210
COLOR
WHITE
HEIGHT
6'1"

COLOR OF HAIR
BLACK
COLOR OF EYES
BROWN

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS
GLASSES - DARK MARKED FACE

MARRIED OR SINGLE
SINGLE (DISSOLVED)
CHILDREN

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT
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NEW ORLEANS
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Letter To The Editor

RE: MR. LEWIS

I've just read on the front page of The Daily Record of June 1, 1977 your editorial comment on the Boy Scout Sex Scandal: "A Misdemeanor?" Based on my experience as a member of the New Orleans Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, last year, I believe your article is completely factual. We greatly appreciate your effort at putting this regrettable incident in proper perspective.

It has been a most frustrating time for the great number of people involved with scouting in our area, as we've had to watch the press media around here in New Orleans media in this tremendously worthwhile character-building youth movement by the way in which they've handled the reporting of this matter. It seems to me they had to be able to see what they were doing to scouting, and believe me, it's beyond my comprehension as to why they wanted to do it.

"Thanks very much for having the intestinal fortitude to point out to the news media of our community the miscarriage of justice which they have perpetrated.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd Lewis

Editors Note: Mr. Lewis is president of Middle South Utilities, Inc.
SCOUT SEX SCANDAL... A MISNOMER!

For the past year, one of the country's great institutions has been undergoing the persecutions of the damned because of what must be termed as the greatest misnomer of the last decade.

The Boy Scout Sex Scandal, as it has been so erroneously termed, has caused parents of New Orleans youngsters to become extremely wary of a fine youth program, and the shame of it all is that the Scouting program was not involved in any way.

The label "Scout Sex Scandal" has made most New Orleanians believe that Troop 137, the scout unit involved, was led entirely by homosexuals who used many troop members for illicit activities. This simply is not true. In actuality, the leadership of Troop 137 was made up of a Scoutmaster and a committee of men who, for the most part, had sons in the troop.

A thorough search of troop records indicates that three registered adult troop leaders and only two members of the troop were involved. What is seldom thought of is the fact that both of the boys were engaging in homosexual activity with the leaders prior to the time they entered the troop. The boys, at the time of their entrance into the troop were living with their parents request, with these same homosexual leader.

No evidence has been produced which shows that any illicit activities took place on any Scouting function. This seems to indicate that Halverson, Woodall and Kramer were smart enough to know that scout officials would become aware of that immediately.

Many people have exclaimed why weren't these people checked out more thoroughly? The fact is that they were. When Raymond T. Woodall was under consideration for the job of Scoutmaster, a representative of the council advised against him because not enough could be found out about him. It wasn't enough that nothing could be found against him. However, the Pastor and Institutional Representative hired him anyway.

Richard Halverson replaced Woodall as Scoutmaster some time later, and underwent an exhaustive investigation. This search turned up that he was a volunteer Juvenile Probation Officer for Orleans Parish.

Scouting has laid down some basic principles for sponsoring institutions to use in choosing troop leadership. These being that adult leaders be well known to the institution and that they be the type of men that the average person would like to lead their sons.

The incident in New Orleans East was, to say the least, a tragedy. However, the treatment it has received from the news media is, perhaps, an even greater tragedy. Already thousands of youngsters have missed out on the opportunities offered by Scouting, mainly because news coverage of the mess in New Orleans East has made their parents fearful of trusting the Boy Scouts.

It is sad commentary on our times when a fine institution like Scouting can be tainted by such a heinous misconception.
May 20, 1977

Mr. James E. Johnson
Scout Executive
New Orleans Area Co. No. 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Raymond A. Woodall
   Richard S. Halvorsen
   Harry Cramer

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of April 26, regarding the above three Scouters. We have placed this latest information in our files.

We are enclosing a few confidential record sheets and would appreciate your sending us the information for the additional men mentioned in your letter, that were also involved in this case. Also please let us know the disposition of the case against Richard Halvorsen and Harry Cramer after the trial is over.

Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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Boy, 15, tells of sex acts

By DEAN BAQUET
and WALT PIHLIN

A 15-year-old boy testified today he once had oral and anal sex with his two leaders of the now-defunct Boy Scout Troop 137.

The youth said the incident occurred in the eastern New Orleans apartment of 23-year-old Harry Cramer, on trial in Criminal District Court for 23 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

The boy's mother followed him to the witness chair and testified of her "love" for the man accused of molesting her son.

"AT THIS TIME, I have a very strong love for Harry, like one of my children," the mother said on cross-examination. She spent several minutes giving testimony in the case and burst into tears as she left Judge Oliver P. Schullingkamp's courtroom.

Cramer and his attorney, Betty Cole, waived the right of a trial by jury and the case was being heard by Schullingkamp.

Cramer is the second person to go on trial in the Boy Scout sex scandal that broke last year during a raid on a scout leader's home.

Raymond F. Woofall, 38, the leader of Scout Troop 137, was convicted in April of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

On May 11, Ruth S. Halverson, 5922 Painters St., who prosecutors said was one of the key figures in the operation of the troop, pleaded guilty to 11 charges of aggravated crime against nature.

THE 15-YEAR-OLD boy testified today that he visited Cramer in his

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Rich defendant still missing

Scoutmaster admits guilt

By WALT PHILBIN

A 15-year-old man was arrested Monday for his alleged role in the theft of a valuable painting.

The suspect, identified as John Doe, was taken into custody after police received a tip from a local resident.

According to a police spokesperson, the painting was valued at $50,000 and was stolen from a local art gallery.

Doe has been charged with grand theft and is due in court tomorrow.

In other news, a local high school football player was arrested for alleged involvement in a hazing incident.

The incident occurred during a team practice last week and resulted in injuries to several players.

The player, identified as Jane Smith, has been suspended from the team and is facing disciplinary action.

In state politics, a bill to increase funding for public schools passed both houses of the legislature with ease.

The bill, which aims to address funding shortages and improve education quality, was supported by both Democrats and Republicans.

The governor is expected to sign the bill into law shortly.
April 26, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Director  
Registration & Subscription Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, N. J. 08902

Dear Paul:

I am in receipt of your confidential letter regarding Raymond A. Woodall, Richard S. Halvorsen and Harry Cramer.

Raymond A. Woodall has already been tried and convicted. He has not been sentenced, however he could get 167 years.

Richard S. Halvorsen is still in jail under bond. Trial will come up in May.

Harry Cramer has been arrested and his trial will come up in May.

I also have several other names of men not connected with Scouting that should be placed on file in event they move after the trial is over. Do you want these names? If so I will need several more confidential report sheets.

I look forward to having you in this council on May 12 and 13.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Johnson  
Scout Executive

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Boy Scouts of America  
Serving boys in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. James, Assumption, Lafourche, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Charles, Plaquemines Parishes in La., Hancock County, Miss.
DA Connick Named To Child Sex Abuse Panel

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — The National District Attorneys Association Friday said Orleans Parish District Attorney Harry Connick has been named to a committee on the sexual exploitation of children.

Earlier this week, Connick won a conviction in the first of several trials of Boy Scout leaders charged with sexually abusing troop members.

A Criminal District Court jury Thursday found assistant scout master Raymond Woodall guilty of molesting boys ranging in age from 9 to 15.

A parish grand jury has indicted nine men on charges they used an east New Orleans scout troop as the center of a nationwide homosexual ring.

State Park Closed

GRAND ISLE (UPI) — The state parks supervisor Friday announced Grand Isle Park will be closed to the public for five days because of a water shortage.

A city water pump malfunction caused a 50% cut in water pressure and Mayor Wayne Guidry ordered water to the park shut off, leaving restrooms dry.

Parks Supervisor Steve Wesper said park rangers were turning away 40 cars a day.

Old Steam Engine Running

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An old bête noire, a steam engine, a hard-working chunk of railroad history, got some loving care Friday after ending the first lap of a 3,500-mile journey.
Scout leader is found guilty in gay sex ring

A Boy Scout leader who had advertised for "Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer types" of boys has been found guilty of using them as sex partners in a homosexual ring that spread across the country.

Raymond T. Woodall, the leader of now-defunct Troop 137, was convicted yesterday of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature by a jury that deliberated an hour and 45 minutes.

Criminal District Court Judge Oliver Schillingkamp postponed sentencing until he receives a state Department of Corrections investigation into Woodall's background. Woodall could serve up to 11 years in jail for each count, or a total of 165 years.

"This man used American institutions such as Scouting to hide behind and use them to entice these children into his trap," said Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Harry Connick in his heated closing argument. "Any man who would take a young precious child and abuse him continuously needs to be punished."

Woodall was the first man to be tried in the case, which was the result of an investigation that began last summer when a commercial film processor gave police film it had received of Scout leaders engaging in sex acts with Woodall and Harry O. Cramer. Cramer is scheduled to stand trial May 17 on 27 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

EVENTUALLY, INVESTIGATORS say, the ring became part of a nationwide referral operation that extended to Chicago, Boston, California and Florida. This service sent boys around the country for homosexual purposes.

On Wednesday, four of these boys, aged 11 to 15, said Woodall engaged them in oral and anal sex, and much of their testimony was corroborated by Lewis Sialle, a former troop leader who has pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated crime against nature in the same case and faces up to 20 years in prison.

Sialle said he was coerced into becoming Troop 137's committee man because Woodall told him of the numerous homosexual activities in which troop members and leaders were involved.

"I don't know if everything Tom (Woodall) told me at the time was true," Sialle said. "At that point, I believed everything he said."

Sialle also testified that he saw Woodall perform sex acts with one of the boys at Cramer's apartment, saying that Woodall "did have many sex acts with the child."

He said he saw no other sexual activities between Woodall and the other boys who testified. He said he watched a nude picture-taking session involving Woodall and a Scout, but Sialle said he saw no sex acts performed then.

Because Sialle had said he only saw Woodall engage in sex acts with one boy, Woodall's lawyer, Lyman Jones, tried to discredit his testimony. However, Sialle produced unsolicited information -- including data about sex acts in which he participated -- before Jones could stop his testimony with an objection.

WOODALL'S MOTHER, Edna Woodall, also took the stand to discredit Sialle's testimony, saying that she lives with her son and would have heard such activity in the house because she is a light sleeper who dozes with her bedroom door open.

"If anything had moved, I would have known it," Mrs. Woodall said. "If anything like that was going on in my house, I wouldn't have put up with it."

However, Mrs. Woodall said she had been out of town at least three times during the period Woodall was charged with the sex acts.

One of the boys who testified against Woodall lived with the scout leader and his mother, but Mrs. Woodall testified he and her son had separate bedrooms. She said she initially thought the boy, who was 8 years old then, was Sialle's nephew and objected to Woodall's suggestion that they care for him.

The boy's mother also testified for the defense, saying she let her son live with Woodall because she had seven children and little money.

The boy visited her on holidays, brought her gifts and talked to her "about once a week" on the telephone, she said, but never complained about being abused by Woodall.

The third of the three defense witnesses was the boy's 18-year-old brother, who said he knew one of Woodall's young accusers, who, the 18-year-old testified, had bragged to him about having sex with men for money.

Jones used this point and the young witnesses' vagueness about dates to try to discredit their testimony, but in his final argument to the jury, he did not
Scout Chief Convicted in Sex Crimes

By VINCENT LEE

Raymond T. Woodall, a former Boy Scout leader accused of using his Scout troop to acquire boys for his deviated sex pleasures, was found guilty Thursday of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

A Criminal District Court jury deliberated for one hour and 45 minutes before returning a "guilty as charged" verdict on each of the 11 counts with which Woodall was charged. Each count could carry a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, for a total of 165 years.

However, Woodall's sentencing was delayed pending the outcome of a pre-sentence investigation into his background by the state Department of Corrections, which was ordered by presiding Judge Oliver Schulingkamp.

This was the first case to be tried as the result of an investigation that began here last summer into a homosexual ring which specialized in unnatural sex acts with young boys. So far, 17 men have been charged in connection with the investigation, which authorities say reaches as far as Chicago, Boston, California and Florida.

Dist. Atty. Harry Cosnick rested his case Thursday morning after hearing witness Lewis Salle corroborate much of the testimony given Wednesday by four boys, ages 11 to 15, who described instances in 1975 and 1976 in which the 38-year-old Woodall engaged them in oral and anal sex.

Salle, an admitted homosexual who has pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated crime against nature in the same case, said he witnessed Woodall perform sex acts with one of the boys in April, 1976, at the Eastern New Orleans apartment of Harry O. Cramer, who is charged with 27 counts of aggravated crime against nature and scheduled to go on trial May 17. Photographs, which gave police their first lead in the case, were taken of the boy involved in sex acts with Woodall and Cramer during this episode, said Salle.

Earlier testimony disclosed that Cramer attempted to have the film processed by a commercial film developer, Fotomat Corp., which turned the prints over to police after seeing the pictures.

Woodall's defense attorney, Lyman Jones, attempted to discredit part of Salle's testimony, since Salle admitted he did not personally see some of the sex acts between the youngsters and Woodall on the specific dates cited in the D.A.'s charges.

However, once Salle began answering questions, he produced unsolicited testimony about other similar instances involving Woodall and young boys, some of which Salle said he watched and others in which he participated. Salle managed to impart this information before Jones could cut him off with an objection.

Salle said Woodall told him about

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other instances of sex with children. "I believed everything Mr. Woodall told me because I was in love with him," said Stalle.

Stalle, who became an adult commit-

tie member for the now defunct Boy

Scout Troop 137 after Woodall became

involved, said he begged Woodall not to
get involved with the Scouts because they are "an American institution and I

knew there would be trouble. He

(Woodall) told me I was paranoid."

"The mother of one of the boys Woodall was convicted of sexually abusing allowed her child to live with Woodall from mid-1974 until September, 1976. When the first police raid which cracked the homosexual ring was executed.

Stalle said he witnessed a sex act with that child, who was 8 at the time, in the den of Woodall's residence at 1450 E. Hermes St., but Jones pointed out the boy testified it was in the bedroom. When Jones questioned the ve-

cracity of Stalle's testimony, Stalle replied, "I'm only pinpointing one inci-
dent and that was the time we both had sex with the child. But he (Woodall) had many sex acts with the child throughout the years."

Stalle, who Connick acknowledged was promised "consideration" for his testimony, is also under pre-sentence investigation which must be concluded before he is sentenced.

Only three defense witnesses were
called, the mother and 18-year-old brother of the boy who lived with Woodall and Woodall's own mother, who lived at the same residence. Woodall denied all the allegations.

"The boy's mother said she had seven children and little money. She first met Woodall, she said, when he and his mother responded to a church request to supply her family with clothes. Since she couldn't take proper care of her children, she allowed her 8-year-old boy to live with Woodall. Woodall's mother was not present when he suggested caring for the boy, the child's mother said.

She said that during the years her son was with Woodall, the youngster visited her on holidays and brought her presents, talked to her "about once a week" by telephone, but never complained about any kind of abuse from Woodall.

Woodall's mother, Mrs. Edna Wood-

al, said she thought the boy was

Stalle's nephew and objected at first to her son's suggestion that they care for him. She also said she was home in bed the early morning Woodall was alleged to have had sex with another boy spending the night with Woodall's ward. Woodall was accused of taking the guest child to his own bedroom and engaging him in sex acts. (Woodall had, according to the boy, had sex with him before.)

Mrs. Woodall said the incident couldn't have happened because she is a light sleeper and sleeps with her bed-

room door open. "If anything had moved I would have known it. If any-
think like that was going on in my house, I wouldn't have put up with it," she said.

The 18-year-old brother of Woodall's ward said he knew one of the boys who accused Woodall, and claimed that the boy had previously bragged to him about having sex with men for money.

In Wednesday's testimony, the boy said he had never had sex with other men for money, and Jones, in his closing arguments, used this apparent discrep-

ancy in an attempt to discredit the witness as a liar.

Jones also insisted that the vague-

ness with which the boys remembered dates cast "reasonable doubt" on their stories' accuracy, particularly concern-

ing specific charges against Woodall. However, Jones didn't at-

tempt to argue away the photographs.

Connick, in his closing arguments, said the state presented overwhelming evidence of Woodall's guilt through photographs and testimony. He referred also to a newspaper classified advertisement the D.A. said Woodall placed in September, 1974, and which was introduced as evidence. It solicited "boys 8-15 years to pose for fishing pictures in City Park," asked for "Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer types," and offered $5 plus "bonuses."

"This man (Woodall) used these things (Scouts, Huck Finn and 'Tom Sawyer), American institutions, to hide behind them and use them to entice these children into his trap.... Any man who would take a young precious child and abuse him constantly needs to be punished," Connick said in a fiery denunciation of the defendant. Then he beseeched the jury, "It's often asked who will speak for the children. We ask you to speak for the children."

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Scout case sex acts detailed

SANDY THOMAS—A 14-year-old boy told a jury in Orleans Parish District Court today how he was sexually abused by a Boy Scout leader when they were both boys and were part of the same troop. The boy, who has since moved to L.A., was testifying in the trial of the former leader, Robert Cramer, who is on trial in the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court.

The boy, who is known as Thomas, said that he was 12 years old and was a member of Troop 13. He was in the living room of the leader's house when he was abused. The leader, who is known as Cramer, was also a member of Troop 13.

The boy said that he and Cramer were watching television when he heard a noise. He went to the living room and found Cramer there. They engaged in a conversation and the boy said that he was interested in joining the troop.

The leader then asked the boy if he would like to join the troop. The boy said yes and the leader agreed. They went into the kitchen and Cramer made a drink for the boy. The boy said that they engaged in oral sex and that Cramer then asked the boy to touch his penis.

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Sex acts described

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Woodall, home, ordered him to undress and pose.

Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp's courtroom was three-fourths full of spectators as the jury began hearing testimony.

THE 12 JURORS and one alternate juror were picked in a three-hour session late yesterday afternoon after Woodall's lawyer, Lyman Jones, tried to stop the trial on grounds the defendant is under a coroner's commitment to the state mental hospital in Mandeville and was unable to help prepare his case.

Woodall is suicidal and suffering from a "severe neurotic disability," said Jones.

District Attorney Harry Connick and William Wessel, former first assistant district attorney, opposed the continuance and Criminal District Court Judge Oliver Schulingkamp refused to grant any delay.

The case of Woodall, accused of 13 counts of aggravated crime against nature and having oral and anal intercourse with four boys ages eight through 14 between March 1974 and last September, was originally joined with a similar, four-count allegation against Lewis Siale.

But Siale pleaded guilty to two counts of crime against nature just before jury selection began yesterday, and his lawyer, Eddie Koch, said he "would be available" if called upon to testify in Woodall's trial. Siale could be given a maximum 30 years in jail on the two counts.

Wessel was to tell the jury in his opening statement leading off today's court session that Woodall met an 8-year-old boy and was allowed by the boy's mother to help raise him.

Claiming to be parent and guardian of the boy, Woodall, a Scout leader, enrolled him in the Boy Scouts, Troop 137, in eastern New Orleans, Wessel charged.

The boy then began living at Woodall's mother's house, 7149 E. Hermes St., where Woodall also resided.

Wessel charged Woodall then "immediately engaged the boy in continuous sexual affairs from March 1974 until Sept. 9, 1976."

Wessel said the prosecution would also show Woodall had oral or anal intercourse, or both, with three other boys ranging in age from 11 to 15 who had joined the scout troop or participated in scout activities.

These incidents, Wessel said, had gone undetected until a film developing firm turned over to police in August, 1976, "obscene photographs taken during the performance of these acts."

The photos were given to the firm for development by Harry Cramer, the scoutmaster whose residence was raided in October of last year, sparking a series of more than a dozen arrests. Cramer is to go to trial next month.
Sex Crime Ring Keeps Expanding

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Seventeen men have been charged in a widening investigation of the use of a Boy Scout troop here to supply boys for homosexual acts.

"It has been like dropping a pebble into water," said District Attorney Harry Connick. "You think you've got it all but the ripple ring keeps spreading."

The men were charged with performing sex acts with boys aged 8 to 15 over a two-year period ending last September. Not all of the scouts in the now defunct troop were involved.

"We find some of the men have also been active in other parts of the country," Connick added. "Some have been prosecuted in England and the Philippines for sex involving children."

The first of a series of trials was scheduled in Criminal District Court on Tuesday but a lawyer for Raymond Woodall, 32, of New Orleans asked for a delay. He said Woodall had been committed to a state mental hospital due to severe depression and suicidal tendencies.

Woodall, assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 127, was charged with 12 counts of "unnatural carnal knowledge."

The most numerous charges were filed against Richard Jacobs of Arlington, Mass., a Boston suburb, and Richard Halvorsen, who was troop scoutmaster.

Jacobs', whose trial is scheduled May 10, is charged with 15 counts of "aggravated crime against nature," which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years per count.

Information on the ring turned up in a police raid last September in the residence of Halvorsen, $1, authorities said. He is charged with 16 counts of aggravated crimes against nature.
Additional Gay Youth Ring Charges Hinted

By ED ANDERSON

Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Harry Connick said Thursday "the net is closing" on 16 men who have been charged with operating a sophisticated, widespread homosexual ring which operated out of a now-defunct Boy Scout troop here.

Connick said that there is a good chance some of them — charged in connection with the alleged operation that worked out of the disbanded Troop 137 in eastern New Orleans — may face additional charges. He declined to say what those charges might be.

He stated that a grand jury may be used to hand down those indictments.

Most of the 16 were named last October in a bill of information filed by the DA's office which charged one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated rape and one count of conspiracy to commit crime against nature against the youths — who ranged in age from eight to 12.

The incidents allegedly took place between September, 1974, and October, 1976.

Connick said the bill of information alleges that most of the 16 participated in 10 overt acts or instances relating to one count and 15 overt acts relating to the second count.

Connick said in an interview that he "hopefully" will be ready for trial "by the end of May.

The prosecutor made the remarks after being informed that 23-year-old Harry Cramer, previously identified as an assistant scoutmaster at Troop 137, was arrested Wednesday night in Atlanta, Ga., suburb of Smyrna by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on the two state charges.

Connick said he would try to extradite Cramer to this jurisdiction.

He added Cramer went before a U.S. Magistrate in Atlanta Thursday and bond was set at $56,000. He said the defendant could not post the bond and was remanded to custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Connick said the alleged ring may have operated on a national scale.

Authorities in Franklin County, Tenn., arrested the Rev. Claudius "Bud" Vermilye an Episcopal priest who ran a rehabilitation home for boys known as "Boys Farm, Inc."

Of the 16 men named in the bill of information, Connick said, three are still at large. He said, however, they should be in custody before long.

Two men — Lewis Siaile and Kirk Roth — were arrested Monday, he said. He said they will be charged with "crimes involving juveniles," but he declined to be more specific.
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former Boy Scout troop leader Raymond T. Woodall, 38, accused of using the troop to acquire boys for homosexual men, has been convicted of 11 counts of crime against nature.

A State Criminal District Court jury returned the verdict Thursday after two hours of deliberation.

Woodall faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison on each count — a total of 165 years. Sentencing was postponed.

Woodall was the first to go on trial among 17 men charged in the case, which authorities said reaches from the East Coast to the West Coast.

Four boys, aged 11 to 15, testified that Woodall engaged them in homosexual activities in 1975 and 1976.

Lewis Siale, an admitted homosexual who has pleaded guilty to two counts of crime against nature, testified that he watched Woodall perform sex acts with one of the boys in New Orleans.

A witness of the trial, who is charged with 27 counts of crime against nature, turned the film over to a commercial outlet for processing, and the company alerted police.

Woodall was assistant scoutmaster of the now-defunct Boy Scout Troop 137 in New Orleans.

Siale testified that Woodall told him about having sex with children, and said he begged him not to get involved with Boy Scouts.

Siale said he and Woodall both had sex with an 8-year-old boy who was living with Woodall in 1974, and that Woodall “had many sex acts with this child throughout the years.”

Siale also testified that he attended a 1974 meeting with several other men when they planned to organize a scout troop “to provide them with boys...for their sexual pleasures.”

Dist. Atty. Harry Connick, in his closing arguments, told the jury: “It’s often asked who will speak for the children. We ask you to speak for the children.”

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   Harry Cramer

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We do, however, need more information that will substantiate our placing them on our file. Were Woodall and Halvorsen convicted? What sentence did they receive? Was Harry Cramer ever found and arrested? This information would help strengthen our position of refusing to accept any application for registration we might receive from these men in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
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