CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 5/4/81

FULL NAME Charles Edward Jeanotte
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 2055 Alfred St

CITY St Louis STATE Missouri ZIP CODE 63110

DATE OF BIRTH 1946 (This is important and should be exact)

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

RELIGION ___________ AMERICAN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Priest (ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE)

EDUCATION Fordham University

WEIGHT 150 HEIGHT 5'11" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES ?

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Young People

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN

WIFE'S NAME ________________________

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT # Troop 731 CITY St Louis STATE Mo.
OFFICE SM DATE REGISTERED April 81 DATE RESIGNED April 81

SPECIAL RECOGNITION ____________________________

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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

APPROVED

SEP 3 1981

Joseph L. Dekmar

Signed Robert Thembly
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council St. Louis Area Council

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September 16, 1981

Mr. Robert F. Mainhotz  
Scout Executive  
St. Louis Area Council No. 312

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles Edward Jeanotte

Dear Bob:

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

Sincerely,

Paul L. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription  
And Statistical Service

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July 2, 1961

Mr. Robert F. Weinhotz
Scout Executive
St. Louis Area Council # 312

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles Edward Jeannotte

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above Scout. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the future.

We would appreciate any further information you may receive in the future.

Thanks very much,

Paul L. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service
July 7, 1981

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription, & Statistical Service
National Council, B.S.A.
P.O. Box 61030
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261

Dear Paul,

I apologize for the delay in sending you information from our files on Mr. Jeanotte. I have enclosed copies of past correspondence between you and Gene Cruse in this regard along with a newspaper clipping of June 17, 1977. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from a father regarding Mr. Jeanotte.

In March of 1980, Mr. Jeanotte apparently attempted to get involved in Stockton, California and his behavior prompted an inquiry from that Council on his background. Again this year, I received an inquiry from Bob Meinholtz at St. Louis.

As requested, you now have the pertinent information from our files.

Personal regards,

JOC/vlp

Enclosures
Fired Scout adviser denies boy's charge

BY PAM KING

A former minister who says he's no longer homosexual was fired this week as adviser to a Boy Scout troop. A scout reportedly complained that the former minister had made advances toward him during a camping trip. Charles Jeanotte, 31, said the commander of the American Legion Post 465, 349 Dorsey Road, Greeley, of which he's a member and which sponsors the eight-member Boy Scout troop, fired him as institutional representative Tuesday night. Jeanotte denies the scout's reported accusations.

But Jeanotte's position with the troop may not be permanently lost. Some of the boys in the troop say they probably wouldn't want to be scouts unless Jeanotte, who founded the troop, is involved, and say they don't want the American Legion to be the troop's sponsor if members won't tolerate Jeanotte. So American Legion Post 465's auxiliary has offered to sponsor the troop, an auxiliary member, Jean Lyons, said. She said the auxiliary thought it would be for the boys' benefit to sponsor the troop and keep it intact. Jeanotte would be institutional representative until the auxiliary meets as a group and votes whether to replace him, an officer said.

As institutional representative,

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SCOUT ADVISER

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Jeanotte would serve as liaison between the auxiliary, the troop committee and the scouts.

Gene Crusoe, scout executive at the Boy Scouts of America's district office, said the auxiliary would have to apply for its own charter to sponsor the troop. He said he's meeting with Jeanotte tonight to discuss the situation.

John R. Altavena, the Legion commander who fired Jeanotte, said, "As long as this controversy exists, I had to alleviate the problem until the facts are known. I did not make accusations about a particular situation. I asked him (Jeanotte) pertinent questions about his involvements and attitudes."

Jeanotte said a new troop member apparently told his mother that Jeanotte had "touched the boy's private parts" on a camping trip to South last weekend. The boy also told his mother that Jeanotte was a former homosexual. Altavena said the mother complained to the Boy Scouts' main office.

The American Legion post will discuss the case at an executive body meeting "very soon," Altavena said. "I can honestly say they didn't treat him fairly," Barbara Ruggio, a member of the troop committee and mother of two scouts, said. "He's the best troop committeeman I've ever seen."

Adam Roggow, 13, said "every single boy in the troop would back "C.C.," a nickname they use for Jeanotte. He said Jeanotte had done a great job so far.

Mrs. Ruggio said Jeanotte told all the parents of the five original scouts that he has been an ex-homosexual and an outpatient at the Rochester Psychiatric Center.

Altavena said Jeanotte had been appointed head of the Legion post's youth committee in February by a former post commander. He said he didn't know Jeanotte had been a homosexual until he took over as commander.

Jeanotte said Altavena "had his mind made up" even before he went to talk to him Tuesday night.

In November 1971, Jeanotte founded an inter-denominational church for homosexuals. An ordained priest of the American Orthodox Catholic Church, Jeanotte said he's resigned the ministry. He said he has not been homosexual since May 1972, when he stopped serving as minister for the gay congregation.

"This is unjust, unfair and not right," Jeanotte said. "I put a good 300 hours in this troop in paperwork to get it ready and make it look good. It's the first case I know where the leader's been relieved and the organization's lost all the boys."

Altavena said it would cause "no problem whatsoever" if the legion post lost its scout troop. He said he thought it could recruit new scouts.

Jeanotte said he's contacted the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union about his case.
Ottowa Council Inc.
Boy Scouts of America
Macoumba Scout Camp
Macoumba, N.Y. 12956

At: Mr. John F. McLaughle

Dear Mr. McLaughle,

May I inform you that I am now at Macoumba Camp Forestier wishing to take
as a temporary aide.

On Tuesday [redacted] was accompanied by a
person in Rochester who made several
requisitions on him. This individual identified
himself as follows:

Charles T. [redacted]
104 Main St.
Rochester, N.Y. 14615

More important than the incident is the
statement that the above named individual,
Mr. [redacted], and to Forestier & Co., with
referring, I have in my possession a check on
which he has written in Forestier 3rd Period,
Aug 7-21.Two 18" and "Ridge Lumber" plus
Aug 7, 7:30 PM.

Every more disturbing is the fact that on
July 2, when I drove to East Line to,
get the [redacted] the above was there and
when he approached Mr. [redacted] I instructed him
with a verbal warning to stay away from the
property on "I'm with the boy" but
he hastened without any other comment down
East Line.

Obviously, Mr. [redacted], the act of taking
guns on property day in the life, but when it
happens, it is quite disturbing. I consider
this type of individual a danger to society
and to have to defend. Upon a [redacted], it is necessary to protect my children.
and to make other inquiries regarding comments. I do not know that we are contributing to any defense.

I am out of the office at this time and will be unavailable for your attention.

Should you wish to contact me about this matter, I will be available after July 18 after my return from a short vacation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

841 Mill Road
Tampa, FL 145-7
716-64-656

7/20/77

[Redacted]

I am in the office.

Strike line.

[Redacted]

But I'm with Scott.
December 5, 1977

Mr. Paul L. Ernst, Director
Registration and Subscription Service
National Council, BSA
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

RE: Charles Jeanotte

This is in response to your letter of November 11 asking me to provide a confidential record sheet on Charles Jeanotte.

Currently, Mr. Jeanotte is registered in Troop 469 as a sponsor coordinator and chairman of the committee. After thorough investigation, we found there was no specific grounds to place him on the confidential list.

We are following Mr. Jeanotte's activities very closely, but at this point have nothing concrete. (I sure would like to find something.)

Sincerely,

M. Gene Cruse
Scout Executive

MGC/o
November 11, 1977

Mr. M. Gene Crise
Scout Executive
Crescenta Council, No. 397

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles Jeanotte

Dear Gene:

We are in receipt of a newspaper clipping concerning a fired Scout Adviser, Charles Jeanotte. Enclosed is a confidential record sheet.

In addition to this completed record sheet we would like to have a detailed letter containing all the facts in this case. A signed statement from the boy involved in this situation is also a necessity. When we receive this material we will review this case with our Attorney to determine if it should be on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul S. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

ENCL.
March 19, 1980

Mr. John Drehinger  
P. O. Box 1017  
Stockton, California 95202

Dear John:

Attached are newspaper clippings you requested. Although there were questions, I'm not certain any of the accusations were ever proven. You will need to use your best discretionary judgement in this matter.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Erik L. Nystrom  
Director of Field Services

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enclosure
ROBERT F. MEINHOLTZ
4568 WEST FINE BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108

SCOUT EXECUTIVE
ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL
May 5, 1981

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Director of Registration Service
National Council, Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 61030
Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport, Texas 75261

Dear Paul:

Please find enclosed a Confidential Record Sheet on Charles Edward Jeanotte. I have talked to Mr. Park, our National attorney, and he suggested that even though the Council has no definite information that I forward this application to you on Mr. Jeanotte and I'm also forwarding his Summer Camp Staff Application in the same envelope.

Mr. Jeanotte arrived in St. Louis in March and made application to be Scoutmaster of Troop 731 which is a Troop for the deaf in a St. Louis public school. He also, at the same time, made application for Summer Camp Staff this summer in St. Louis. In checking his references of two archbishops in New York, New York, we find no such address nor phone number, it has been disconnected. He told a parish priest in south St. Louis that he was a member of the Benedictine Order and celebrated mass in that parish. He also told the local bank that he was a Benedictine Monk.

Based on his application, I called Jim Case in Rochester, New York. He had a record on Mr. Jeanotte filled out by Gene Cruse. Mr. Jeanotte was accused of molesting two boys in Rochester, New York around 1975. Syracuse has the record on Mr. Jeanotte at that time.

I called Mr. Jeanotte into the office on Tuesday, April 28, 1981, and told him because of the discrepancies found on his Summer Camp Staff Application and because of him going on radio and TV soliciting money for the handicap Scout Troop, I could not accept his registration of Scoutmaster of Troop 731, (the Troop which has a considerable amount of money in a trust fund). They paid his registration fee and I have sent word to the National office to refund the registration fee so that I can give it back to the Troop and remove his name from the records.
Immediately following my conversation, which lasted approximately 45 seconds, he said there was nothing to talk about. (He went to the phone and tried to call Jim Tarr.) Maxene McFarland intercepted the call and talked to him. Mr. Jeanotte indicated that he was being falsely accused of homosexual activities that took place in Rochester 4 or 5 years ago. (I did not discuss this with Mr. Jeanotte) and unless he received a retraction from the National Council he would picket the St. Louis Area Council office on Saturday, May 2, 1981. This he did not do.

Jim Case also has information in his records that Mr. Jeanotte tried to register in Stockton, California and the local Council corresponded with Rochester on Mr. Jeanotte.

Based on all of the information that I have relative to his erroneous Camp Staff Application, I felt it necessary to refuse his registration and feel it would be advantageous if National places him under confidential file. Incidentally, the American Greek Orthodox Church here in St. Louis has no record of Mr. Jeanotte being a priest within their church.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert F. Meinholdt
Scout Executive

Enclosures

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