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February 24, 1982

Mr. Ralph S. Kroehler
Scout Executive
W. D. Boyce Council, No. L38

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Lankton

Dear Ralph:

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

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cc: East Central Region

December 2, 1981

Mr. Ralph S. Kroehler Council Executive W.D. Boyce Council, No. 138

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ralph:

Thanks so much for the information on James Lankton. This certainly makes us a complete file and should enable us to refuse registration at any time in the future.

Please let us know if there are any further items which you secure concerning Mr. Lankton.

Thanks again for your very complete file which will help anyone who sits in our position in the future.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: East Central Region

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November 25, 1981

Mr. Paul I. Ernst Director Subscription & Statistical Service Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are our complete notes on James R. Lankton. Jim is not appealing this decision. He is currently taking treatment and his family is aware of the problem and supporting him.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Kroehler Council Executive

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REPORT OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 1981 BETWEEN PARENTS OF LINDBERG SCHOOL TROOP 30L AND SCOUTING REPRESENTATIVES RALPH AROUTER AND DANIEL MILLER.

BACKGROUND: This meeting was arranged at the request of the parents following a series of telephone calls to the Service Center aledging moral misconduct of Scoutmaster James Lankton withtheir sons.

Five different families (Husband or wife or both) met with Kroehler and Miller to review their Scout son related story. These are reviewed, without identification of names, as family number one through five below.

FAMILY CNE: related that on a late Spring (1981) camping trip her son had informed her that Lankton had fondled the buttocks of her son.

FAMILY TWO: related that on this same camping trip Lankton had not only fondled the buttocks of her son while fully clothed but had reached inside his underware to fondle.

FAMILY PHREE: related several instances. Scouts are asked to come to Scoutmaster's home or business offices for counseling sessions. Wife or business associates were absence and boy was asked to sit on SM's lap for counseling; Asked if they wanted to be "tickled" or if they wanted to "rough-house". Boy related "rough-house" meant to be grasped by feet and swung about in a circle around SM. Boy related that in his case, he was swung with his pants down around his ankles.

> Latest instance was to meet, at SM's office with no-one else present for a conference. Here belt was removed, feet were tied together with belt, pants were pulled down and boy was hung from office door.

FAMILY FOUR: Related latest campout when Lankton took nine new Scouts on camping trip alone (at Wokanda). Boys were taken to isolated campsite. When boy returned he stated "I hate Mr. Lankton"! When pressed for explanation of statement he finally admitted he had been taken into tent by Lankton, forced to remove lower clothing and Lankton then had lain down with boy on top of him and proceeded to give boy a "rubdown" (This campout in early September 1981)

FAMILY FIVE:

Related experiences of son on Late Spring (1981) campout. Three boys in one tent. During night one boy was complaining of stomach ache. Lankton entered tent to assist boy and proceeded to rub stomach area of boy. However, following this "treatment" he then turned to her son and also gave him a rub down, including groin area and privates.

Several families having older or longer tenured Scouts, after having heard the above from their younger sons, question older sons. Older boys had learned to say "no" when asked to sit in lap and had agreed amoung themselves never to be alone with Lankton. They stated that "rubdowns" are common experiences when clothed but none had had the experiences the younger boys have had.

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October 15, 1981

Mr. Ralph S. Kroehler
Council Executive
E. D. Boyce Council, No. 138

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Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your detailed letter concerning James R. Lankton. This information will be most beneficial to us in refusing registration wherever Mr. Lankton tries to register.

Please send me the details which you have in your files. We have always asked that all the records in this type of situation be kept in the National Office and not in the local council office because of the embarrassment that could be incurred if the wrong individuals would read the file.

If any further matters come up or if Mr. Lankton tries to appeal this decision, please let us know and we will work with you in any way necessary. I shall look forward to receiving the additional material from you so that we may set up our file. Thanks again for the detailed letter explaining the action which has taken placed.

Sincerely,

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

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Boy Scouts of America W.D. Boyce Council Scotts

October 8, 1981

Mr. Paul Ernst Director of Registration Boy Scouts of America 1325 Walnut Hill Lane Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Subject: James R. Lankton, 5911 N. Isabell, Peoria, Illinois, 61614. Registered as Executive Board member and as Scoutmaster of Troop 0304.

Enclosed is a copy of the resignation received from James R. Lankton. He has stopped all activity in Scouting. With the help of his wife and minister he is securing professional help.

On September 17, 1981, Director of Field Service, Daniel G. Miller, received a call from a parent who did not identify himself but reported on actions of a Scoutmaster that he felt were unacceptable. He received his information from his son but wanted to check into his son's story further. Later the same day, Miller received a call from a mother who did identify herself, Mrs. And reported on what her son had said. This was in reference to the boy's Scoutmaster, James R. Lankton. Miller immediately reported to Ralph S. Kroehler, Scout Executive.

Kroehler tried to contact Mr contact.

9/18/81. Kroehler returned a call to Reverend Robert Gates.
Reverend Gates reported that a Mrs.
him about what to do over her son's story about his Scoutmaster James R. Lankton.

9/18/81. Kroehler set up an appointment for 7:00 P.M. on 9/21 with Reverend and Mrs. No contact was able to be made with Mrs.

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9/18/81. Kroehler talked to because he knew that the had a son that was thinking of joining Troop 304, but didn't join. replied that his boy and wife did not like Lanktons' actions in touching the boy and having him sit on his lap. Also had heard rumors that Lankton fondled the boys.

9/19/81. Mrs. called Krachler and an appointment was made to see her at 2:00 P.M. on S.

9/21/81. Kroehler and Miller went to the home at 2:00 P.M. Other parents were present having been invited by Mrs.

They were Reverend and Mrs. (who we were scheduled to meet that evening), Mr. & Mrs. (this was the man who called on 9/17 and did not identify himself), Mrs. (whose son had not joined the troop because of an incident).

One parent reported that her son said Lankton had fondled his buttocks on a spring of 1981 camping trip.

Another parent reported their son said on this same camping trip Lankton had fondled his buttocks and also reached inside his underwear to fondle.

A third family reported several incidents. Son was asked to come to Lankton's office when no one else was present. Then asked to sit on Lankton's lap. When asked if he wanted to be tickled or rough-housed, he had his pants pulled down around his ankles and then his legs were hooked behind Lankton's head and he was swung around in this position. On another instance, at Lankton's office, his belt was removed, feet were tied together with the belt, pants pulled down and then was hung from the office door.

A fourth report was on Lankton taking nine new Scouts alone on a camping trip. When boy returned from camping trip he said, "I hate Mr. Lankton". When parents pushed for an answer, he said he was taken into a tent by Lankton, told to remove his lower clothing, and then Lankton laid down with the boy on top of him and proceeded to give the boy a "rubdown". (boy's words) Campout in September 1981.

Fifth family related experience in spring of 1981 campout. Three boys were in one tent; one boy complained of a stomach ache. Lankton entered the tent to assist the boy and rubbed the stomach area. Then turned to the son of the fifth family and gave him a rub down including the groin area and privates.

One family, having an older son, after hearing the report from the youngest son, questioned the older son. The older son reported that the older boys have learned to say no when asked to sit on Lankton's lap and how not to be alone with Lankton because of his actions.

These five families also reported on other families they had learned of who had similar experiences. One parent reported there had been an incident about five years ago where a parent had complained to the District Executive and they had met with an assistant Scoutmaster, Henry Sinclair, but nothing further had happened.

9/21/81. Ralph Kroehler and Dan Miller met with Council President, Robert Wilkins, to review the reports to date. Wilkins made appointments with some of the parents so he could get his own information from them.

9/21/81. Ralph Kroehler and Dan Miller met with Henry Sinclair, assistant Scoutmaster of the troop, to get a report on an incident five years ago. Sinclair did not give details of the incident other than a parent had made a complaint at that time. Sinclair and the District Executive had met with Lankton and the parent and felt everything was resolved satisfactorily. Sinclair also said he would contact some parents. Later that night, Sinclair called Kroehler to report he knew of another parent who had a report of an incident. Sinclair told the parent to call Kroehler. (Note: - that parent never called).

9/22/81. Ralph Kroehler met with Jim Baldwin, Scouting Coordinator, and long-time friend of James Lankton, and reviewed the reports. Baldwin has a son in college who was in the troop a long time plus another son currently in the troop. Baldwin to check with some parents and his sons. Later that day Baldwin called Kroehler to say that he had talked to at least one parent and his son in college and there was no longer any question left in his mind about the reports.

9/21/81 - 9/22/81. Kroehler and Wilkins talked together on both days. Wilkins is convinced of the general correctness of the reports. They set up an appointment to see Med Tornow, Chairman of the Troop Committee, and an attorney, for 9/23/81.

9/23/81. Wilkins and Kroehler meet with Med Tornow and outline the problem. Tornow indicated some surprise but at same time said he had some concerns that had not been expressed about Lankton's actions. Tornow followed up with contacts of his own to confirm our reports.

Baldwin called Kroehler to report he had talked with his youngest son and definitely had no questions left.

Kroehler made appointment with Lankton for 11:00 A.M. at the Council Service Center on 9/24/81.

9/24/81. Robert Wilkins, Council President; Med Tornow, Troop Committee Chairman; and Ralph Kroehler, Scout Executive, met with James R. Lankton. Wilkins complimented Lankton on his

long service to Scouting and his great work, but told him we had reports of actions with boys unacceptable to Scouting, and asked for his resignation. No specific charges were made.

After some expression of feelings Lankton signed a resignation. (copy attached)

Tornow and Kroehler then took Lankton to his minister's office.

There is greater detail of these actions in the file at the Council Service Center.

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Kroehler Council Executive

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cc/Robert Durgin, Associate Area Director

attach:



Boy Scouts of America W.D. Boyce Council No. 138

September 23, 1981

TO: LINDBERG SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB TROOP 304 AND W. D. BOYCE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Effective today, I resign all positions with both Troop 304 and the W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, and will not be able to take part in any Scouting leadership position.

September 23, 1981

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