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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE JUNE 14, 1985

FULL NAME FRED WELLS  
(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS 1231 S. WALNUT

CITY FREEPORT STATE IL. ZIP CODE 61032

DATE OF BIRTH 6/32 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 52 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

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 ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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MAY 29 '86

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature] 6/4/85  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council East York Area # 660

F. STARON  
JUN 18 1985

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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

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cc: East Central Region

READY FOR FILE  
JUN 3 1986  
SHIRLEY MEYER

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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 strenghtening 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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cc: East Central Region

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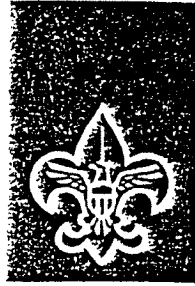
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# BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL

P O Box 4085 1800 7th Avenue, Rockford, IL 61110 815/397-0210  
East Central Region, Council 660



SCOUTING/USA

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,



C. M. Buenger  
Council Executive

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# BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL

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East Central Region, Council 660



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July 5, 1985

Mr. Fred Wells  
1251 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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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA INC.  
1800 7TH AVENUE P.O. BOX 4085 ROCKFORD, ILL. 61110

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Fred Wells

Ten Dollars and 40/100-----\$ 10.40

ENDORSEMENT ACKNOWLEDGES PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

Refund Boys' Life and Registration Fees

BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.



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BANK & TRUST CO. ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

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East Central Region, Council 660



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JUNE 14, 1985

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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Freeport Journal Standard  
May 18, 1985

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.

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*11/22 FREEPORT TRIBUNE*

# Hearing Friday <sup>5/27</sup> 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 questioning 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 5 or 6, 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.

"My information is 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 30 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 QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS CASE TO ME.*

*THANKS!*  
*Chuck Buenger*

*cc EN SPINNAH  
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-

tion, and psychiatric counseling, Hartman said.

Wells is employed at the Freeport Plant of Household Manufacturing.

Under the terms of the sentencing recommendation, Wells will also pay the first \$1,000 in counseling fees that his victim may incur. He is also prohibited from associating with his victim, the boy's family, or groups involving teenagers, Hartman added.

Wells has "voluntarily" begun counseling sessions with a Rockford psychiatrist, the attorney said.

Wells' guilty plea "will save the young man (victim) the embarrassment, the emotional difficulty of having to testify in a public trial about the act performed on him by Mr. Wells. I did not want the young

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man to have to testify in detail about the sexual act Mr. Wells performed on him," Hartman said.

Wells apparently seduced the boy in a parked vehicle while he was supposed to be tutoring and counseling the boy, Hartman said. "It was a breach of trust."

Wells was arrested in May, follow-

ing a grand jury indictment that alleged Wells performed oral sex on the boy. He originally pleaded not guilty and posted 10 percent of a \$7,500 bond.

Wells waited alone in the crowded Circuit Court corridor prior to his appearance. Dressed neatly, he attended the hearing with only his attorney William Sissler, a private attorney. He appeared subdued following the entry of his plea.

According to earlier reports from a scouting executive, the local troop committee had earlier expressed concerns with Wells. The sexual

assault charge did "involve a scout," one official said, "but they were not involved in a scout activity."

Earlier reports indicated Wells had been active in scouting activities here since at least 1977.

He was named scoutmaster of a local troop in early May but resigned that position May 5 or 6, reports indicate.

Prior to May 1, Wells served as the troop's assistant scoutmaster.

A pre-sentence investigation has been ordered by Lenz. That will be complete by the sentencing date, Hartman said.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

No. 660 Date 6/26/85

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REFER { To your Transmittal of Registration and Subscriptions Report, No. Unit, Additional Enrollment, Council/District Roster

REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

CREDIT NOTICE

DEBIT NOTICE

REGISTRATION Unit No. 0721 term \_\_\_\_\_ months

1 Leaders (\_\_\_\_\_ prepaid) @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each received \$ 5.00 required \$ 0 (\_\_\_\_\_ transfer) \_\_\_\_\_ Members (\_\_\_\_\_ transfer) @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_\_ leaders listed on transmittal form \_\_\_\_\_ on application

Transfers must pay \$.50 each. Expiration given \_\_\_\_\_ We have \_\_\_\_\_

Not on transmittal report  No application received.

Duplicate entry  Fees received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Correction made per your letter/telephone call \_\_\_\_\_

No reply to our defective registration notice dated \_\_\_\_\_

Form 30-308 must be approved by National Personnel Service before Registration can be processed.

BOYS' LIFE

SCOUTING

Term \_\_\_\_\_ months

Paid for 1 subscriptions; listed 0 subscriptions received \$ 5.40 required \$ 0

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FRED WELLS

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|           | Explorer  | \$ _____ | Scouting   | \$ _____ |       |          |
|           |           |          |            |          |       |          |
| CREDITING | Cub Scout | \$ _____ | Leader     | \$ 5.00  | Total | \$ 10.40 |
|           | Boy Scout | \$ _____ | Boys' Life | \$ 5.40  |       |          |
|           | Explorer  | \$ _____ | Scouting   | \$ _____ |       |          |
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TROOP CHARTER RENEWAL

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION  
ST THOMAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, 25 N HARLEM, FREEPORT, IL, 61032

COUNCIL CERTIFICATION (YES OR NO)  
NATIONAL UNIT AWARD EARNED **YES**  
UNIT RE-REGISTERING ON TIME **YES**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NO. CHRT. ORG. CODE  
KATHY FINCH, 25 N HARLEM, FREEPORT, IL 61032

SCOUTMASTER TRAINED **YES**  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE *Marlin Losfeld*

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (SEE STATEMENT ON BACK) SIGNATURE *Catherine Finch*

TROOP MEETING PLACE AND DAY  
ST THOMAS SCHOOL THURSDAY

BOYS' LIFE INFORMATION  
NO. PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS 13

REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
BOY SCOUTS 16 FEE \$48.00  
ADULT LEADERS 8 \$40.00  
PAID BL SUBSCRIPTIONS 13 \$70.00  
TOTAL REGISTRATION L  
BOYS' LIFE FEES \$158.00

BOYS' LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS  
TERM 12 BEGIN 7/84 END 6/85  
100% BOYS' LIFE **NO**

24 MONTHS COMPLETED UNIT TENURE  
TROOP ON BASIC BUDGET PLAN **YES**

SPECIAL TROOP FOR  
RETARDED  HANDICAPPED

CO-LEADER'S SIGNATURES  
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| 147      | CC 2 | STEVE HOTCHKISS                   | 751 SHIMM DR     | FREEPORT | IL 61032      | M   | 235-420 |
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# Wells receives 18-month sentence

By LINDA BEAN

Journal Standard Reporter

A former scout master who violated a trust was sentenced Friday to 18 months periodic imprisonment in the Stephenson County Jail — the most severe sentence that can be imposed on a felon who is sentenced to a county jail term.

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



CHARLES HARTMAN

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.

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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 recommendations.

"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.

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7/6/85

# 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 molestating 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 abusive 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 regretted hurting 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 "bisexual 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' psycho-sexual disorder has ended.

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

Other terms of the sentence include Wells paying \$1,000 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 cells," 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 bunking about 10 prisoners a night in other jails.

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