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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 6/14/82

Full name Benjamin Reese Bartel  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 302 Iris Street

City Anna Maria Island State Fl Zip Code 33501

Date of birth 9/6/47 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Protestant Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Presbyterian Minister-no church (Summer Camp Chaplain-Onteara)  
10 years

Education Bachelors degree

Weight 180 Height 5'6" Race White

Color of hair Black -Thinning Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests OA

Married or single single Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections:

| <u>Unit No.</u> | <u>City</u>  | <u>State</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>Date registered</u> | <u>Date resigned</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Troop 51        | Bradenton,Fl |              | SA            | 2/82                   | -current             |
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Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Per attached reports of 6/82 and 5/81, and phone call to Paul Ernst  
(SUM108) 6/14/82

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

Signed *John S. ...*  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council *Anna Maria Island #729*

MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
EVENT FORM

CASE NUMBER

OFFENSE CODE: 82-05-04714

Report Date: 07/26/82

Incident Date: 07/25/82

Time: 10:00

City and State: Bradenton Fla.

Address: 1004 66th St N.W.

Home Phone: 792-7274

Business Phone: [ ]

Occupation and Employer: [ ]

Victim/Witness can testify to the following facts: [ ]

EVENT SYNOPSIS

SEE NARRATIVE REPORT

WITNESS

Person Code: [ ]

Name: [ ]

Address: 1004 66th St N.W., Bradenton Fla.

Home Phone: 792-7274

Business Phone: [ ]

Occupation and Employer: [ ]

Victim/Witness can testify to the following facts: [ ]

victim reported offense to his father, [ ] who in turn contacted writer.

WITNESS

Person Code: [ ]

Name: [ ]

Address: 1004 66th St N.W., Bradenton Fla.

Home Phone: 792-7274

Business Phone: [ ]

Occupation and Employer: [ ]

Victim/Witness can testify to the following facts: [ ]

contacted writer about situation, interviewed suspect with writer.

REPORT CONTAINS

NARRATIVE ITEMS

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

LT. Ken [ ]

[ ]

MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
INCIDENT REPORT-NARRATIVE FORM

CASE NUMBER

82-05-01714

TITLE  
Suspicious Person

REPORT DATE  
MO. DAY YR  
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ORIGINAL REPORT  SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

At approximately 1245 hrs 5/26/82 Lt. [redacted] of Bradenton Police Dept. contacted me and stated that his 18 year old son had been picked up hitch hiking on Anna Maria Island by a WM identified as Rev. Benjamin Bartel. Mr. Bartel drove [redacted] to the pier but during the ride, a discussion of a job arose and Mr. Bartel allegedly offered [redacted] a job for \$25.00 per hour, posing nude and studding women for a photographer. Mr. Bartel gave [redacted] \$5.00 and dropped him off with a meeting being set for 2:00 PM 5/26/82 by the carousel, K. Mart located at 75th St. and Manatee Ave.

I arranged to meet with [redacted] and [redacted], we went to the K Mart parking lot and [redacted] pointed out the suspects car, green in color bearing FJN 101. Vehicle is a 1976 Ford, registered to BENJAMIN R. BARTEL,, WM 9/6/47 of 302 Iris Street, Anna Maria Island Fla. At 1400 hrs. a male identified as the person in question walked out of the K. Mart store and stood by the carousel for approx. one minute. Subject looked at parent around and then started to walk toward the parking lot. Writer and Lt. [redacted] approached subject, I identified myself and asked for some identification from the a Drivers Lisence in the name of BENJAMIN REESE BARTEL, WM 9/6/47 of P.O. Box 984 Anna Maria Island, FL DL# B 634 076 47 326 was produced.

I asked subject if he picked up [redacted] on Anna Maria last night, he stated that he did, I asked subject if he gave the boy \$5.00 and he stated that he did, I asked why he had given him \$5.00 and subject replied that the boy did not ask for it, subject just thought that he looked like he needed some money. I asked subject had he offered the boy a job for \$25.00 per hour posing nude and studding women in the nude area, subject denied that he did so. I asked subject why he was at K Mart now, subject said he was doing some shopping (had nothing in any bags as a purchase at interview time). I asked subject if he had made an appointment to meet with a boy by the carousel at 1400 hrs. and subject denied that he did. I pointed out the circumstances of his being at the carousel at 1400 like the boy stated he would be yet he did not make any appt. meet at that location, subject denied making any appt. to meet anyone at K. Mart. I asked subject where he worked, he stated that he is a PREACHER of the Protestant faith that he has no church or work locally, but does work during the summer months only at a BOY SCOUT CAMPT in Livingston Manner New Yourk, (Ontoora Boy Scout Camp). Subject stated that he resides on Anna Maria and also owns a duplex at 507 21st. Ave. Whst. B Subject repeatedly (3times) asked if I was taking him down town and I replied no, subject stated that he might contact his attorney, I told him I would supply a business card if his attorny wished to contact me. He asked if this was going any further on two occasions, I stated only if we receive additional complaints of this type activity with a persom fitting his description, subject replied that a lot of people fit his description. Subject asked aginn who I was, I again advised him I worked for the Sheriff's Dept. Subject stated good, " I know TOM real well " . Subject was released at this time.

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 UNFOUNDED  
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 CLEARED BY ARREST

INVESTIGATING OFFICER  
Lt. Kenneth Pearson

OFFICER NUMBER K-10

APPROVING OFFICER

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July 13, 1982

Mr. John C. Dibler  
Scout Executive  
Sunny Land Council, No. 724

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear John:

This is in regard to the information which you sent us on Benjamin Reese Bartel. I appreciate the information which you have given me and feel that the information which you have sent us will certainly cause us to be very cautious of future registration of Mr. Bartel.

We have contacted the council which had employed Mr. Bartel during the summer months. They are aware of the concern which we have.

If a registration should come in for Mr. Bartel from anywhere in the country, we will carefully review the situation with the Scout Executive of that council so they are aware of the material which we have on file.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Southeast Region  
Hoyt Hunt

READY FOR FILE

JUL 13 1982

DAWN HARDELL

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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May 12, 1981

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
4225 Coquina Circle  
Carlton Arms - Apt. G  
Bradenton, FL 33508

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have recently completed a review of circumstances and information surrounding the controversy we experienced with one of our volunteers last month. Youth Programs has been unable to determine if certain allegations made against this volunteer were true. As a result of these allegations and our ensuing investigation the volunteer in question has resigned from our volunteer program and will no longer be associated with Youth Programs or JASP.

Because of the serious nature of the allegations and our inability to determine the true facts surrounding the situation, I have had to take actions that best support the integrity of JASP and safety of our clients. The doubts that still exist mandate that I inform you that we will no longer be able to use you as a volunteer in our program. Youth Programs appreciates the time, effort and support you have given our program in the past and wishes you the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Bill Bowman  
District Director

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cc: Bill Bowman  
Bill Brown ✓

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Manatee County Service Network  
325 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Fl. 33505

748-4141

May 7, 1981

Elaine Anagnostou, JASP Coordinator  
Perrine Plaza  
Bradenton, Florida 33505

Dear Elaine:

I have just had a telephone contact from Detective Worley, Manatee Sheriff's office. He had just finished a telephone exchange with Mr. Bill Niles.

He asked [REDACTED] if he, Bob Gow and myself could visit his residence at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 6, 1981. In essence, Mr. Niles stated we would be welcome to see him but he was not prepared to discuss any issue relating to allegations he formerly made against a Mr. Ben Bartels. Mr. Worley assured Mr. Niles that no criminal sanctions would be forthcoming but due to conflicting comments between his allegations and Mr. Bartels' attorney, it would be prudent to move this issue to a plateau high enough to reach a majority opinion as to which story sounded more believable. Mr. Niles repeated his unwillingness to discuss this matter at any time. When Mr. Worley explained that this uncooperative attitude on behalf of Mr. Niles could conceivably jeopardize his continued involvement with JASP as a volunteer, Mr. Niles reportedly claimed he didn't really care.

[REDACTED] made allegations against Mr. Bartels claiming child fondling. The child claims the allegations are groundless. The child's parents refuse to believe these allegations and Mr. Bartels' attorney did not wish his client to make a statement in the JASP office on the morning of April 15, 1981 (a meeting Mr. Niles was invited to but failed to make).

My conclusions are that this episode is over. Mr. Bartels' attorney agreed to remove his client from volunteer work at JASP due to the 'serious cloud' of innuendoes emanating from Mr. Niles' allegations.

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# Sheriff



THOMAS M. BURTON, JR.  
SHERIFF MANATEE COUNTY

TELEPHONE  
BRADENTON 747-3011

P. O. BOX 500  
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 33506

6 May 1981

To Bill Brown  
From: Det. Terry D. Worley  
Ref: [REDACTED]

Dear Bill,

I am sending you this letter for your files so you can have an up date since our last conversation, 4-16-81, involving the discrepancies between [REDACTED] and Ben Bartel. I called [REDACTED] on the morning of May 6, 1981 and asked him if you, myself, and Sgt. Cow could meet him at his home to discuss any information he may have on Ben Bartel. [REDACTED] stated the following to me via telephone: "I will be home, but I refuse to discuss anything about Ben Bartel." "Did you talk to the Boy?" "You have his story and I will not talk about it". I then asked him why he did not show up for the meeting on 4-15-81 and he stated "I do not remember why I did not show up, but I did tell Tom Mills why I wasn't going to be there." I then advised [REDACTED] that we needed to know what had actually happened, not for prosecution, but for the reason of Bartel being a volunteer working with kids. [REDACTED] stated, "I can understand that, but I will not talk to anyone about that." I then advised [REDACTED] that either he was lying or Bartel was lying and if he refused to talk about it that my recommendation would be that neither [REDACTED] or Bartel ever be involved in working with Juveniles. [REDACTED] then stated "That would be fine with me." I asked [REDACTED] if anyone had threatened him or advised him not to talk or if he was afraid of any legal repercussions and he said "No."

Sincerely yours,

*Terry D. Worley*  
Terry D. Worley

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4/16/81  
This is to be taken to Bill Niles  
to be sent to the State

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## Recommendation to HRS, Manatee County 4-15-81

At 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 4-15-81, a meeting was conducted in the Manatee County JASP office concerning the alleged misconduct of Ben Bartel. Members present were Tom Mills, Manatee County JASP Coordinator; Bill Bowman, YPI District Director; Bill Brown, HRS Direct Services Supervisor; Ben Bartel, JASP Volunteer; Bill Bartel, Ben's father; and, Howard Bischoff, the Bartel's attorney.

A copy of the report prepared and investigated by Tom Mills was given to everyone present. After everyone had read the report, Attorney Bischoff stated that his clients had no further comments to make and any further communication from anyone regarding this matter should be routed through his office. Representatives from JASP and HRS both agreed.

Tom Mills explained to Attorney Bischoff that a formal recommendation by Tom Mills, JASP Coordinator, was being made to HRS to continue the investigation based on the discrepancies between statements made by Ben Bartel and the reporter, Bill Niles 4225C Coquina Circle, Carlton Arms Apts., Bradenton, Florida (Phone 748-7451). Attorney Bischoff said that he assumed it would continue, but would again appreciate all communications be routed through him. Again, this was agreed upon.

5/6/81  
Collins [redacted]. He states yes he knows the allegations. But Refuses to talk about it saying, "I don't know him that either he was lying or Bartel was lying he says "I understand But I never to discuss it anymore." I then state the only recommendation is to not have him in contact with a collection agency & he says "That is fine with me."

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