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REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

MEMBER D

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 12, 1984

FULL NAME Kenneth Steelmon
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)
 ADDRESS 15161 Moran Street
 CITY Westminster STATE CA ZIP CODE 92638
 DATE OF BIRTH 5- -59 (This is important and should be exact)
 APPROXIMATE AGE 25 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)
 RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY Caucasian/American
 OCCUPATION Owns "Kentec", Computer Repair & Maintenance Company
 EDUCATION High school plus college through the U.S. Navy education program -
he was an officer in the U.S. Navy.
 WEIGHT 160 - 165 pounds COLOR Caucasian HEIGHT 5' 10" / 5' 11"
 COLOR OF HAIR Blond COLOR OF EYES Blue
 OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Camping - Computers
 MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)
 WIFE'S NAME None

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T216	Westminster	CA	Santa Ana	9/82	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT
- OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW)
- SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS
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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed W Robert Boehm, Jr.
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE
 Council Orange County

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April 18, 1986

Mr. A. Buford Hill
Scout Executive
Orange County Council, No. 39

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Kenneth Steelmon

Dear Buford:

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: Western Region

READY FOR FILE

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SHIRLEY MEYER

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March 14, 1986

Mr. W. Robert Booker
Director of Field Service
Orange County Council, No. 39

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Kenneth Steelmon

Dear Bob:

Quite sometime ago we had communication concerning Kenneth Steelmon. This individual had been charged with 36 counts of sexually molesting troop members. We never heard the outcome of this situation and would like to know if this came to trial and a conviction took place.

If you could tell us any sentencing which occurred, this will help to strengthen our file and make certain we can refuse registration attempts from anywhere in the country.

Thank you for your help in closing this case.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Western Region
Mr. A. Buford Hill, Scout Executive, Orange County Council, No. 39

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June 19, 1984

Mr. W. Robert Booker
Director of Field Service
Orange County Council, No. 39

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the information concerning Kenneth Steelmon. This information will certainly be most helpful to us in refusing registration at a later date.

Please keep us informed as this matter comes to trial. We must have the outcome of the trial and any sentencing which takes place.

If we can be of any help from this office, please do not hesitate to contact us. Any statements from individuals involved, either parent or youth members, will be helpful in strengthening our file.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Western Region

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DAWN HARDELL

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TRUOP 216 PARENTS' MEETING
M I N U T E S

Meeting was held on Monday, June 11, 1984, 7:25 p.m. at Murdy School, Multipurpose Room. Ed Hall, presiding

PRESENT: Roy Light, Mary Benitez, Joy and George Tateishi, Helen and Jerry Brandon, Frank and Doene Coe, Mamie Benjamin, Loaura Couch, and Don Mellon

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To discuss Ken Steelmon and to determine the future of Scout Troop 216.

Ed Hall began the meeting by stating the Council's roll in assisting unit operation and its policy in regards to Ken Steelmon.

It was determined that no parents at this meeting had boys who were involved in the current police report, as to molestation. The parents were advised of the council's interest in protecting them and their sons from any repercussions that may arise from the press or the subsequent trial.

After restating the fundamentals of Scouting, troop operation, committee operation, the sponsoring institution and the council's responsibility to help establish these things, the parents agreed to work toward the following:

1. All present agreed to act as the current troop committee
2. To look for (by next week) one or more church sponsors to move the troop to
3. To change the unit number in order to better protect their boys from guilt by association
4. To meet again to be trained to operate as a troop committee

It was decided that the next meeting be held on Monday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. in a location to be determined by the possibility of a new sponsor.

It was agreed that Ed Hall would:

1. Prepare an agenda to be mailed to the parent group
2. Conduct the meeting on June 25
3. Have a new unit number assigned to their troop
4. Have the necessary information prepared for the parents to decide on sending their sons to summer camp (Lost Valley) at the June 25 meeting.

It was agreed thqt Mr. and Mrs. Coe and Mr. and Mrs. Tateishi would act as organizers for the troop committee and be responsible for calling the parents together for our next meeting. (Mr. Coe's Phone numbers (B 855-9191 or H 531-9934.)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hall

Ed Hall

District Executive, El Capitan District

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File 12

Ex-Scout Leader Gets 23-Year Term in Sex Case

United Press International

A former Boy Scout leader convicted of 47 counts of sexually molesting young boys, including five members of a scouting troop he founded, has been sentenced to 23 years in prison.

An Orange County jury convicted Kenneth Steelmon, 25, in March on a range of charges, including fondling, oral copulation and sodomy, involving boys aged 7 to 15.

He was sentenced Friday by Superior Court Judge Jean Rheinheimer, who ordered the unmarried computer technician to serve a total of 23 consecutive years in prison. Sentences totaling another 44 years were stayed.

Jurors had made several findings designed to prevent him from receiving probation, including violating his "special trust" as an adult leader of youth, and Rhein-

heimer agreed.

Steelmon founded a Boy Scout troop in Westminster two years ago, saying he wanted to help youth in the area.

He was arrested in June 1984 after a mother told police she suspected her son had been molested by the troop leader. A police investigation turned up six more victims, including four other boys from the troop.

Steelmon's attorney insisted at trial that his client never molested the boys, although conceding that he "traveled to the beat of a different drummer."

Lawyer Gary Pohlson also said each of the boys "had some kind of problem" and lied about Steelmon.

Prosecutor Chuck Middleton insisted that the boys only revealed the incidents after being contacted by investigators, however, and said they could not have made up the stories.

File

Keeping you updated on more negative publicity - L.A. Times June 13.

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Molest Case Bail Reduced for Former Scoutmaster

By NANCY WRIDE,
Times Staff Writer

A West Orange County Municipal Court judge reduced bail Tuesday, from \$250,000 to \$100,000 for a former Westminster Boy Scout leader charged last week with molesting three of his troop members. The judge also appointed a public defender to represent the defendant at his arraignment Friday.

Meanwhile, a Westminster Police Department spokesman said Tuesday that additional child-molestation charges involving three other Scouts have been filed against Kenneth Clay Steelmon, 25, who remained in custody at the Orange County Jail.

The half-dozen alleged victims, ages 11 through 15, are all members of a 12-Scout troop that Steelmon founded at a Westminster elementary school when he became a registered Scoutmaster two years ago, a spokesman for the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America said Tuesday.

Scouting Post Resigned

Steelmon did not enter a plea at the brief court appearance before Judge R. R. Engebretsen. He is expected to do so Friday, the prosecutor handling the case said.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Mike Maguire said he did not oppose the bail reduction requested by the defense because it was "reasonable."

The former Scoutmaster was arrested last Wednesday on a warrant charging him with 36 counts of child molesting, Westminster police spokesman Roy Freeman said.

Steelmon resigned from his post May 30 at the request of Orange County Boy Scout leaders, authorities said.

According to Freeman, police investigators did not initially make Steelmon's arrest public at the request of Maguire, who he said wanted to avoid "terrifying anyone — you know, over-hyping it."

Maguire said Tuesday that there were "some very valid reasons for not hitting the press right away" with child-molestation investigations, particularly in the wake of a widely publicized case involving Robert Gillett, a junior high school teacher in Orange who was arrested May 1 by Orange police on suspicion of molesting one of his students but was never charged.

"Maybe we're a little gun-shy

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with this Gillett thing," Maguire said. "But I think the fact that it got immediate press coverage the way it did... hurt the case."

"I think it's better to talk to (witnesses) before they've read all about it in the paper," Maguire said, "because that's going to affect them and they're going to form an opinion one way or the other" about the suspect or defendant. "I still think it's premature (to be talking about the Steelmon case), but it's out now."

According to Freeman, Steelmon was taken into custody by Westminster police last Wednesday. The investigation began May 9, Freeman said, after the mother of a 12-year-old Scout reported to officers that she suspected her son had been molested by his Scout leader. Freeman said the investigation was temporarily delayed until detectives could confirm the mother's report with the boy, who had been taken "out of the area."

The mother reported the alleged incidents to the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts in late April, according to George Trosko, council public relations director. Steelmon has denied the charges since he was confronted by Scout leaders in April.

"He was very calm," Trosko said of Steelmon. "He claimed that this one (boy) was really out to get him. But he was very cooperative."

The 36 child-molesting counts "range from fondling to oral copulation," and allegedly occurred be-

tween February, 1983, and January at Steelmon's Westminster home, or during camping trips or organized scouting activities, Maguire said. He said it has not been determined how many counts will result from the most recent charge.

The first case reported by the mother allegedly took place last February... and was kind of an ongoing thing to the time of (Steelmon's) arrest," Freeman said.

Trosko said Steelmon was Scoutmaster of Troop 216 in Westminster, the El Capitan District, which includes Garden Grove and Westminster. He said Steelmon was one of the founders of the troop, which had 15 members in January but whose numbers have dwindled to 10 or 12.

'Impressive and Altruistic'

"He came to us and asked; he said he was interested in serving as a leader and said he wanted to start up a troop," Trosko recalled. "(Steelmon) had been a Scout and he said he wanted to give back what scouting had given him. At that time, he was probably 23; it was pretty impressive and altruistic then."

Steelmon's arrest was the first of a Scout leader in the Orange County Council — which now has 41,000 Scouts — since it was established in 1924, Trosko said.

"We're all a little bit discouraged but we have to remember there's a lot of good being done. Basically, there's nothing we can do to prevent something like this. We just have to be cautious."

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Metro

Bail hearing in Scout-molestation case

Westminster ex-leader charged with 36 counts

By Tina May
The Register

WESTMINSTER — A former Boy Scout leader, charged with 36 counts of sexually molesting troop members, will have a bail-review hearing today in West Orange County Municipal Court. Kenneth Clay Steelmon, 25, of Westminster was arrested last week and for-

mally charged, police Sgt. Warren O'Neill said. Steelmon was being held in Orange County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bail, a jail spokeswoman said Monday night.

Steelmon, who became a scoutmaster in September 1982, resigned his position about two weeks ago at the request of the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America, said George Trosko, public relations director for the council.

"He firmly denied the allegations," Trosko said Monday. "But he understood. There was no problem in his re-

signing. Our position was if there are any questions, we do everything we can to remove him (a troop leader)."

Trosko said he did not know Steelmon personally.

Steelmon, a computer technician, was scoutmaster of Troop 216 in the El Capitan District, which includes Westminster and Garden Grove. He was one of the troop's founders, Trosko said, and as of the end of 1983, there were about 15 youths in the troop.

He said the council learned of allegations of sexual molestation about a

month ago from a parent of one of the Scouts, who claimed her son had been a victim. The woman subsequently contacted police.

Since then, Trosko said, the council has "cooperated fully with the police" and has learned at least four boys between 11 and 15 years old are involved in the investigation.

Trosko said he did not know details of when or where the alleged molestations occurred.

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SEX: Bail review

FROM B1

Westminster police Detective Richard Bogenreif, who is handling the case, could not be reached for comment late Monday.

Steelmon's mother, Bernadette Vincent of Ventura County, said Monday her son was innocent.

"He is good; too good for this world in every respect," she said.

She said her son was a Scout as a youth and he became a scoutmaster because he was "trying to give the kids

back what he got out of Scouts, such as outings and camping."

"He was never in trouble as a kid or a grown-up," Vincent said. "The worst thing he ever had was a speeding ticket. That's how bad a person he is."

Steelmon's arrest was the first of a Scout leader in the council since it was established in 1924, Trosko said.

There are 17,000 registered Scout leaders in the county and 41,400 youths, he said.

"It's a real isolated incident," Trosko said. "It's one person out of 17,000 great leaders that we have. It's unfortunate."

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TRGSP ADULT	STATUS N	CITY WESTMINSTER	STATE CA	COUNTY, DIST ORANGE, EL CAPITAN	REG# 6	CNCL# 39	DIST# 21	NATL# 0216	LC 216	EXP DATE 01/31	
JOHN A MURDY SCHOOL, 14851 DONEGAL, CA, NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION 133 DR LANE PRIN 14851 DONEGAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS											
					10-6	WESTMINSTER		CA 92683	UNIT TENURE COMPLE		
					TEL.#	SCOUTMASTER TRAINED					

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	TEL.# BUS OR HOME	BIRTH DATE	BOYS LIFE	STA-TUS	POS.	SEX
DARLENE CUTLER	14632 ERIN RD	WESTMINSTER	CA	92683	H 5316507			M	SC	F
LORENE STEELMON	15370 SWALLOW	WESTMINSTER	CA	92683	H 5313066			N	CC	F
JUDY DANIELCZYK	10222 BELLEHURST	WESTMINSTER	CA	92683	H 5311511	0648		M	MC	F
EDWARD GEMEINHARDT	9522 WASHINGTON	GARDEN GROVE	CA	92644	H 5312185	0447		N	MC	M
KENNETH C STEELMON	15370 SWALLOW	WESTMINSTER	CA	92683	H 5313066	0559		S	SM	M
<i>Bartholomew J. Karsay</i>				92683	531-4465	T/19216			SA	M

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