

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 049 Date March 5, 1990

Full name RODNEY STARK
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number _____

Address _____ San Diego, CA 92129

City San Diego State CA ZIP Code 92129

Date of Birth September 4, 1948 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion 7 Nationality _____

Occupation School teacher Education _____

Weight 175 Height 5'11" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes 7

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single (Divorced) Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name none

Scouting connections: Chartered organization: _____

Unit No. T 622 City San Diego State CA

Position Scout master Date registered _____ Date resigned 3/5/90

Special recognition Silver Beaver

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: _____

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed Ronald Brundage
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council SAN DIEGO COUNTY council

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079

November 8, 1991

Donald H. Estes
Assistant Council Commissioner
San Diego County Council
[REDACTED]
San Diego, CA 92104

RE: RODNEY F. STARK

Dear Mr. Estes:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of November 3, 1991 regarding the above individual.

The procedure is as follows:

1. By a copy of this letter to the Registration Service, I am requesting that the individual be placed on the ineligible volunteer file, if this has not already been done.
2. By copy of this letter to the Council I am requesting that the individual's name be removed from the local list of Silver Beaver holders.
3. Similarly, the individual should not be invited or permitted to attend any future Council Scouting functions.

With regard to the award, BSA awards when earned are not revoked, absent fraud or some other circumstance relating to the actual earning of the award.

If you have any additional questions or wish to discuss this, please call or write to me.

Very truly yours,

David K. Park
National Legal Counsel

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cc: Paul Ernst, Registration
Ron Brundage, Scout Executive

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March 20, 1991

Mr. Ronald K. Brundage
Scout Executive
San Diego County Council, No. 49

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROONEY F. STARK

Dear Ron:

A recent check of our Ineligible Volunteer File against the National Eagle Scout Association indicated that the above named individual is presently a member of NESA.

This individual is listed on our Ineligible Volunteer File and will not be permitted to register with the Boy Scouts of America. We wanted you to be aware of this, so that the individual cannot participate in any activities with the council, simply because he is a member of NESA. He should not participate in any leadership capacity or assume any responsibility in the Boy Scouts of America. He could participate as a parent if he has a son or daughter involved.

We wanted to make you aware of this, so you would not involve him. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Richard E. Parker, Western Region,

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ERIN O'RILEY

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November 30, 1990

Boy Scouts of America
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Gentlemen;

Upon returning home from college for Thanksgiving break, I learned that my request for an extension to obtain my Eagle had been denied. It is at this time that I would like to formally appeal this decision.

Prior to my registration with Troop 676 I was a part of Troop 622. On October 1, 1987 a letter was received stating that the family was going to be dropped from the troop (enclosed). The reason for this was "Some basic differences between you (my father), your family, and the majority of the members of Penascouting regarding the appropriate means of attaining the aims of boy scouting in Troop 622 have surfaced in recent months."

The time between being kicked out of Troop 622 and my joining Troop 676 was two full years. This new troop was approximately six months into existence and I spent most of my time with this troop helping it get off and running and, not quite realizing it, my pursuit for Eagle was placed under the rug for some time.

Since being kicked out of Troop 622, the former Scoutmaster, Rodney F. Stark, has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for the sexual molestation of a member of the troop. This molestation was during our tenure with the troop.

The reason for my not bringing this to your attention the first time I requested an extension was because we were hoping to put a very traumatic experience behind us. To sum up all the events: my family and I were ousted from Troop 622 in October of 1987, I was out of Scouting for a period of two years, I joined a new troop in 1989 and helped build that, in 1990 my previous Scoutmaster was convicted of the sexual molestation of one of the scouts in his troop, and to top all this off, our family was relatively close to the family whose sons were molested.

In addition, my father had requested that I not bring this up, as we had agreed that I was going to become an Eagle in spite of Rod's worst intentions towards our family as a whole. At the time of our ouster, my father was an Assistant Scoutmaster, my brother was a Tenderfoot and my youngest brother was just graduating from Webelos.

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The ousting of my family was not voted upon by the parent association, as the letter would lead you to believe. It was typed on Rod's computer and signed by the Scouting Coordinator. This was after my father had offered to drop out of any activity in the troop. This offer was spurned by Rod, as he did not want any of the family to remain in the troop. There was no "trial" nor discussion provided. To add insult to injury, it was typed on stationary my father had obtained for the troop from one of his clients.

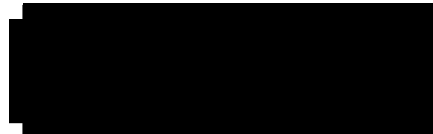
The basic differences were between my father and Rod, in that Rod felt very threatened by the financial success my father had organized the troop Firewood Sale into. Rod felt that my dad was "running for Scoutmaster" and therefore his "power base" was being threatened. This was during the time that the molestation was going on, not only with the current victim, but also with boys that charges could not be brought against Rod due to the statute of limitations having expired.

The dismissal from the troop was brought up with local council staff and they felt that Rod was too powerful in that troop to offer any resistance to our removal; after all he had been Scoutmaster for 17 years. Instead my father was encouraged to start a new troop. It was never my father's intentions to become Scoutmaster or start a new troop. He was very happy running the fund raising operation of a troop with 76 Scouts and provide an avenue for the families to raise the funds to underwrite Scouting activities. After all, there was 3 of us in the troop with my youngest brother just joining, so funding the activities was a concern for us too.

As outlined in the appeal information I received, I feel that part of the bottom line of my not fulfilling the Eagle requirements timely was "due to circumstances beyond my control." Therefore, I would like to request an appeal to your decision based on the above accounts.

If you feel you need additional information, you may Mr. Len Lanzi at San Diego Headquarters or my father can offer you names and phone numbers to verify the above information. As stated in my previous extension request, I would like it to run through January 31, 1991.

Yours in Scouting,





Troop

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BSA



"Troop of the Eagles"

[Redacted]
San Diego, CA 92129

1 October 1987

Dear [Redacted]:

Some basic differences between you, your family, and the majority of the members of Penascouting (the chartering organization for BSA Troop 622) regarding the appropriate means of attaining the aims of boy scouting in Troop 622 have surfaced in recent months.

While there is always more than one approach to any goal, once a common program has been formulated, the goals of the program are best attained by all concerned using the established approach.

We feel that the aims of boy scouting can best be served by your involvement with a different boy scout organization; therefore, your registration with Troop 622, and that of your boys, is rescinded effective 1 October 1987.

Transfer forms for your boys are enclosed. This will permit them to join any other scouting unit.

Yours in Scouting,

William H. Heinrich

William H. Heinrich
Scouting Coordinator
Penascouting

Rancho

Penasquitos



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NORTH COUNTY TAX CONSULTANCY

San Diego, CA 92129

21 October 1987

Mr. Richard Krum

San Diego, Ca 92129
Lot Manager, Troop 622

Dear Richard;

Since the membership in Troop 622 of my entire family was terminated, by Rod Stark thru Bill Heinrich effective 1 October 1987, I felt it best to put into writing several phone calls between Rod Stark, Larry Cleeton and myself concerning the 10 cords of firewood delivered by Troop 669 to your wood lot.

As lot manager for Troop 622's woodsale I am directing this letter to you to clarify these conversations.

On 29 September 1987 I was informed by Rod that the reason for the total depletion of my sons monies from their woodsale accounts was the delivery of 10 cords of firewood by the Escondido troop. Rod stated to me that the delivery was without the permission of the parent committee and that I was responsible for that wood. Therefore, on his own, he charged the cost to the boys accounts. Rod further informed me that the wood was now mine and that I could dispose of it as I saw fit since it was now paid for.

Based on several conversations with Larry Cleeton it was agreed that the 10 cords of wood, that was improperly delivered thru an original agreement between myself and the Escondido troop, was in fact now my wood. Unfortunately, over Labor Day weekend my National Guard unit was activated for the northern California fires and the phone call to cancel the future deliveries was forgotten. This was my responsibility to make.

On 4 October 1987 I contacted Rod concerning the disposal of this wood. We agreed that the 10 cords of avocado firewood would be picked up according to your desires as lot manager for the woodsale. It was further agreed that it didn't matter what stack of wood was to be "attacked" as long as no more than 10 cords of wood was removed from your lot.

Due to a LDS Scout training seminar on 17 October 1987 the LDS troop I had contacted was not able to pick up any wood. I have informed them of your next delivery date of 21 November and they will work with that.

As soon as I know a cord count I will contact you regarding wood pick up.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc: Larry Cleston, Chairman Penascouting
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August 24, 1990

Mr. Ronald K. Brundage
Scout Executive
San Diego County Council, No. 49

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RODNEY FRED STARK

Dear Ron:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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Boy Scouts Of America San Diego County Council

RONALD J. CARLSON
Chairman of the Board

M. W. RUSTY COOMBS
Council Commissioner

RONALD K. BRUNDAGE
President

August 9, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, SUM 108
Registration Dept.
National Office, BSA
Post Office Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

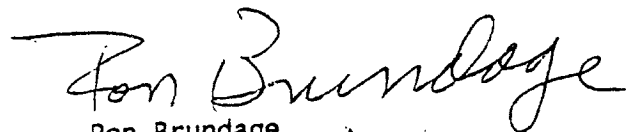
Please find enclosed information regarding Rodney Stark, Merlin Mundy and Jerry Frazier.

As you will notice from the news article regarding Mr. Stark, sentencing will take place on August 31st. I do not know whether there will be an appeal. You will recall that we forwarded to you the volunteer Record Sheet with supporting documents regarding this case.

With regard to Mr. Mundy, enclosed is information that appeared in the newspaper as well as a copy of a letter from Mr. Mundy, himself. Mr. Mundy is registered in the city of El Cajon as a register sex offender. It is my feeling that we should file the necessary paper work on this individual as well.,

Also, please note the information regarding Mr. Frazier. He has been convicted and sentenced. We should file the paper work on him also and I have enclosed the information we have available.

Sincerely,



Ron Brundage
Scout Executive

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Enclosures

cc: David Park

P.O. BOX 33366/1207 UPAS STREET/SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92103

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Scoutmaster faces trial i. child sex case

By Mitch Himaka
Staff Writer

A scoutmaster recently honored for 29 years of service with the scouting program here was ordered yesterday to stand trial on 14 counts involving child molestation and other sex acts with a member of his troop.

In ordering Rodney Fred Stark to stand trial in Superior Court, Municipal Court Judge Charles G. Rogers raised the original seven counts against Stark to 14 counts, based on the testimony by the 14-year-old alleged victim in the case.

Rogers also found that Stark, 41, as a scoutmaster occupies a position of special trust. Because of that finding, if Stark is convicted he would be ineligible for a probationary term at the time of sentencing.

The alleged victim returned to the witness stand yesterday to describe two additional acts he said occurred

during a February trip to the desert in Stark's four-wheel-drive vehicle. He testified that Stark placed him on his lap and let him steer the vehicle while fondling him on two separate occasions.

During cross-examination by defense attorney Lane Cooke, the boy broke down briefly and wept, causing Rogers to call a recess to allow the boy to regain his composure.

In Stark's defense, Cooke also called two boys who were on a scouting campout trip to Camp Hual-Culsh near Julian with Stark and the boy. Both said they saw or heard nothing unusual during the night.

The alleged victim had testified that he was awakened by a skunk, after which he was fondled by Stark despite his protest.

One of the defense witnesses said he heard nothing about a skunk com-

ing into their campsite, but the other said he did recall a skunk incident that night.

The boy's assistant track coach where he attends school testified that the youngster reported the molestation to him, and that he reported it to the school principal the next morning.

In ordering Stark bound over for May 16 arraignment in Superior Court, Rogers made note of Stark's own statement in a tape-recorded telephone conversation between the alleged victim and Stark.

The boy told Stark he was thinking of quitting scouting because of the alleged acts and Stark responded, "It won't happen any more."

Rogers said he thought that statement was compelling, as was the boy's testimony.

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Metro news

14-year-old boy takes stand to tell of molestations on Scout outings

By Bill Callahan

Tribune Staff Writer

A 14-year-old Boy Scout today testified that he was molested seven different times over the last four years while on overnight outings with the scoutmaster of his troop.

The boy said all of the offenses were committed by Rodney Fred Stark, 41, and most of them occurred during campouts at scoutgrounds in the county. Yesterday, the boy told about two other molestations that he said occurred at the Camp Pendleton Marine base and in Julian.

Testifying at a preliminary hearing that resumed today before Municipal Court Judge Charles Rogers, the boy said he notified his school track coach about the incidents and then was talked into telling his school principal and police.

Stark, of the 9500 block of High Park Lane in Rancho

Pedrasquitos, remains free on \$15,000 bail. He was arrested last month after sheriff's investigators, with the boy's cooperation, monitored a telephone conversation between the boy and Stark, Deputy District Attorney Sally Penso said.

Penso, prosecuting Stark on seven felony counts of child molestation, said she would play a tape recording of the call during the hearing.

She told Rogers that molestations occurred several times during the four years the boy knew Stark, who is a teacher at Black Mountain Middle School in the Poway Unified School District. The boy was not a student at the school.

The charges have prompted an unusual show of community support for a person charged with sex crimes and, as was the case in earlier court proceedings, a large number of Stark's friends, neighbors and fellow Scouting officials appeared in court yesterday to back him.

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A. GRAVES

March 19, 1990

Mr. Ronald K. Brundage
Scout Executive
San Diego County Council, No. 49

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Rodney Fred Stark

Dear Ron:

I have received information from a couple of different sources related to the above named individual. I have a copy of the court record where he has been charged with several counts related to indecency with a child.

I appreciate the Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which you sent and hope you will keep us informed related to the outcome of the legal action. We will eventually want the final deposition of this case and any sentencing which may be imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

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WORK COPY

MUNICIPAL COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
San Diego Judicial District

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

RODNEY FRED STARK,
Defendant(s)

MC No. FF 129209
DA No. B 073210

COMPLAINT-FELONY

C O M P L A I N T

S U M M A R Y

Ct. No.	Charge	Sentence Range	Defendant	Special Allegation	Alleg. Effect
1	PC288a(b)(2)	16-2-3	STARK, RODNEY FRED		
2	PC288(c)	1-2-3	STARK, RODNEY FRED		
3	PC288a(b)(2)	16-2-3	STARK, RODNEY FRED		
4	PC288(c)	1-2-3	STARK, RODNEY FRED		
5	PC288(a)	3-6-8	STARK, RODNEY FRED	PC1203.066	NO PRO
6	PC288a(c)	3-6-8	STARK, RODNEY FRED	PC1203.066	NO PRO
7	PC288(a)	3-6-8	STARK, RODNEY FRED	PC1203.066	NO PRO

The undersigned, certifying upon information and belief, complains that in the County of San Diego, State of California, the Defendant(s) did commit the following crime(s):

COUNT - 1 ORAL COPULATION BY ONE OVER 21 ON PERSON UNDER 16

On and between February 1, 1990 and February 28, 1990
RODNEY FRED STARK, being over 21 years of age, did unlawfully participate
in an act of oral copulation with [REDACTED], a person under the age of
16, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288a(b)(2).

COUNT - 2 LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD 14 OR 15 YEARS OF AGE

On and between February 1, 1990 and February 28, 1990
RODNEY FRED STARK did willfully, unlawfully, and lewdly commit a lewd and
lascivious act upon and with the body and certain parts and members
thereof of [REDACTED], a child fourteen or fifteen years of age and who
was 10 years younger than said defendant, with the intent of arousing,
appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the
said defendant(s) and the said child, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION
288(c).

COUNT - 3 ORAL COPULATION BY ONE OVER 21 ON PERSON UNDER 16

On and between December 1, 1989 and December 31, 1989
RODNEY FRED STARK, being over 21 years of age, did unlawfully participate
in an act of oral copulation with [REDACTED], a person under the age of
16, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288a(b)(2).

COUNT - 4 LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD 14 OR 15 YEARS OF AGE

On and between December 1, 1989 and December 31, 1989
RODNEY FRED STARK did willfully, unlawfully, and lewdly commit a lewd and
lascivious act upon and with the body and certain parts and members
thereof of [REDACTED], a child fourteen or fifteen years of age and who
was 10 years younger than said defendant, with the intent of arousing,
appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the
said defendant(s) and the said child, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION
288(c).

COUNT - 5 LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD

On and between September 1, 1987 and June 1, 1988 RODNEY FRED STARK
did willfully, unlawfully, and lewdly commit a lewd and lascivious act
upon and with the body and certain parts and members thereof of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], a child under the age of fourteen years, with the intent of arousing,
appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the
said defendant(s) and the said child, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION
288(a).

And, it is further alleged RODNEY FRED STARK occupied a position of special trust with CLAYTON T. and did have substantial sexual conduct with the said [REDACTED] in the commission of the above described felony of Lewd Acts On A Child, within the meaning of Penal Code section 1203.066(a)(9).

COUNT - 6 ORAL COPULATION OF A PERSON UNDER 14

On and between September 1, 1988 and June 1, 1989 RODNEY FRED STARK did willfully and unlawfully participate in an act of oral copulation with [REDACTED] a person under the age of fourteen years and more than ten years younger than defendant, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288a(c).

And, it is further alleged RODNEY FRED STARK occupied a position of special trust with [REDACTED] and did have substantial sexual conduct with the said [REDACTED] in the commission of the above described felony of Lewd Acts On A Child, within the meaning of Penal Code section 1203.066(a)(9).

COUNT - 7 LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD

On and between September 1, 1988 and June 1, 1989 RODNEY FRED STARK did willfully, unlawfully, and lewdly commit a lewd and lascivious act on and with the body and certain parts and members thereof of [REDACTED] a child under the age of fourteen years, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the said defendant(s) and the said child, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288(a).

And, it is further alleged RODNEY FRED STARK occupied a position of special trust with [REDACTED] and did have substantial sexual conduct with the said [REDACTED] in the commission of the above described felony of Lewd Acts On A Child, within the meaning of Penal Code section 1203.066(a)(9).

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER FF 129209, CONSISTS OF 7 COUNT(S).

Executed at San Diego, County of San Diego, on March 6, 1990.

COMPLAINANT

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AGENCY: SDSO CAU

AGENCY CASE: 9014002-M

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<u>DEFENDANT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>BOOKING NUMBER</u>	<u>BAIL RECOM'D</u>	<u>APP'NCE DATE</u>
STARK, RODNEY FRED	CUSTODY	9/04/48	90118266A		3/06/90

DANIEL J. EDELMAN, INC.

Dallas, Texas 75219

Teletypewriter 214.520-3400

Public Relations
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MEMORANDUM

To: Joe Anglim
From: Lee Sneath
Date: 3/6/90
Re: San Diego Molestation TV Report

RODNEY STARK

Attached is the transcript of TV coverage from San Diego regarding the arrest of a Scoutmaster for child molestation. We'll advise you if further coverage appears. We've received no media calls so far.

CC: Larry Potts
Greg Graze

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TRANSCRIPT

DATE March 5, 1990
 TIME 11:00-11:30 PM
 STATION KNSD-TV(NBC) Channel Thirty-nine
 LOCATION San Diego
 PROGRAM News San Diego

Denise Yamada, co-anchor:

A Rancho Penasquitos neighborhood is in shock tonight over the arrest of a man who was both a school teacher and a Scoutmaster to their children. He's accused of child molestation. Vic Salazar is here now with more on that story. Vic?

Vic Salazar reporting:

Well, Denise, this is a very sensitive story as you can well imagine. It deals with a fourteen-year-old Boy Scout who has accused his Scoutmaster of molesting him. Tonight that Scoutmaster is in county jail charged with five counts of oral sex with a youngster under fourteen, and five counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a minor. Forty-one-year-old Rodney Stark has been a Scoutmaster for twenty years. (Visual of Black Mountain Middle School sign) He is also a sixth grade teacher at Black Mountain Middle School, which is where his Troop, number 622, is based. (Visual of Stark home) Friday night he was arrested here at his home just a short distance from the school. A fourteen-year-old boy in Stark's troop told authorities Stark had molested him on several occasions during the last three years while on organized camping trips. Tonight, one of Stark's students who is also a troop member told me he considers Stark to be a nice guy.

[REDACTED] (Boy Scout): He usually just had fun with us. He'd go camping with us and he'd take us on hikes and stuff like that.

Salazar: [REDACTED] mother expressed a view shared by many others tonight.

[REDACTED] (Scout's mother): It's a terrible shock and we really hope that it's not -- that there's no truth to any of the allegations, for everyone's sake, and I'm praying for Mister Stark tonight and I have a lot of friends who will be too.

Salazar: Rodney Stark will be arraigned tomorrow morning.

His bail has been set at two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Yamada: Now I understand, Vic, that the school has moved in a substitute to teach. What about the troop? What are they doing now? Do they have a leader?

Salazar: They don't have a leader as of this moment. Mister Stark has been relieved of his Scoutmaster duties by the local Boy Scout Council. Now tomorrow night there is a troop meeting, and the Parents' Council will meet to choose a new Scoutmaster for Troop 622.

Yamada: Alright. Thanks very much.

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The San Diego Union/Jack Von

Teacher convicted of child molesting

By Mitch Himaka
Staff Writer

A Rancho Peñasquitos scoutmaster and teacher was convicted yesterday of 12 sex charges involving one of his troop members.

A Superior Court jury of 10 women and two men deliberated about a day before convicting Rodney Fred Stark, 41, of eight counts of child molesting and four counts of oral copulation of a minor.

Stark faces a maximum of 22 years in state prison.

The jury also found true a special allegation that Stark occupied a special position of trust in committing the crimes against the boy, now 14.

The finding, according to Deputy District Attorney Sally J. Penso, makes Stark ineligible for probation when he is sentenced Aug. 31 by Superior Court Judge Laura P. Hammes. The judge ordered Stark to remain in custody, with no bail, until he is sentenced.

Stark has been on a leave of absence from his job as a sixth-grade teacher at Black Mountain Middle School in the Poway Unified School District since his arrest in March.

Yesterday, Stark, who has been active in the Boy Scout program for 29 years, and directed what he termed one of the largest scout troops in the county, touched hands with his attorney Lane Cooke as the jurors took their seats.

Then he sat impassively as court clerk Holly Saenz read each of the 12 guilty verdicts and each of the special allegations.

Several of his supporters, who have attended each court session, began to weep. After Hammes ordered Stark into custody, and as the bailiff began putting handcuffs on him, some supporters gasped, then rushed out of the courtroom, sobbing.

The jury found Stark committed the 12 acts during a three-year period ending last February on scouting trips to Camp Hual-Cu-Cuish in the Julian area. The acts also occurred during the summer of 1988 at Camp Mataguay, during a two-night camp-out at Indian Flats and another camp-out at the Crestline Group Camp near Mt. Palomar.

The jury also found that offenses were committed during a four-wheel vehicle trip to the eastern desert area last December.

The victim was not present to hear the verdict, but his parents expressed relief that the ordeal for their son was over.

"There are no winners here," the

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- Fr - Stark, right, confers with his jury to return yesterday. He was found guilty
y, l a Cooke, while waiting for the on all 12 counts involving sex with minors.
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