

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 415

Date 7-11-77

Full Name Luther Wayne Hester Social Security Number _____
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address _____

City Winston State NC Zip Code 28602

Date of Birth 3-14-46 (This is important and should be exact.)

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

Religion ~~_____~~ Unknown Nationality US

Occupation Engineer, Southern Bell

Education High School, NC Inst.

Weight 185 Height 6 Race White

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

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

Spouse's name NONE

Scouting connections: Chartered organization _____

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
Troop 154	Charlotte	NC	SA	7-77	

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Recommendation of Paul Ernst, Director of Registration, Boy Scouts of America, based on court records related to Luther Hester [redacted]. See [redacted] file.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH 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):

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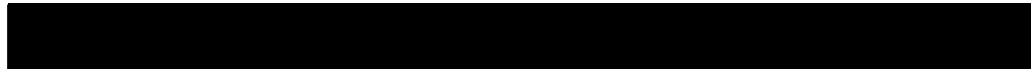
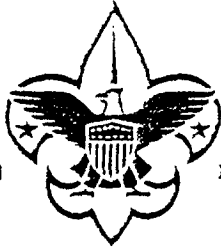
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JOSEPH L ANGLIM

Signed Leroy Mayne
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Mecklenburg County Council 337

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Boy Scouts of America



February 7, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst
National Council
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

LUTHER WAYNE HESTER

*PULL FILE
WE WILL SEND TO
PARK FOR REVIEW*

Personal & Confidential

Dear Paul:

Please read the attached letter and advise.

Sincerely,

Leroy Mayne
Scout Executive

cc: Wallace Potts, Area Director

Attachment

2-13-90

*DAVID PARK -
I NEED ANSWER FOR LEROY -
HOW SHOULD HE RESPOND TO ATTORNEY?
Crank*

CASSTEVENS, HANNER, GUNTER & GORDON, P. A.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

POST OFFICE BOX 3-4607

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28224

NELSON M. CASSTEVENS, JR.
ROBERT P. HANNER, I
DORIAN H. GUNTER
MARC R. GORDON
TERESA L. CONRAD
ELIZABETH J. CALDWELL

February 3, 1990

Mr. Leroy Mayne
Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America

[REDACTED]
Charlotte, NC 28204-2488

Dear Mr. Mayne:

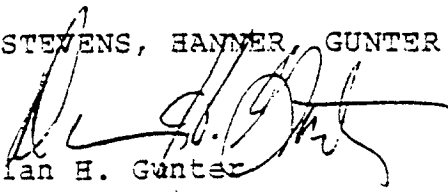
Please be advised that I represent Luther Wayne Hester and have represented Mr. Hester in a certain [REDACTED] dispute involving [REDACTED]. In connection with that [REDACTED] case, certain false allegations were raised by [REDACTED] concerning alleged sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Mr. Hester. These allegations have been unsubstantiated by the Department of Social Services and the courts and Mr. Hester has been absolved of any and all alleged wrongdoing in connection with these allegations.

Mr. Hester has brought to my attention your letter to him of September 19, 1989 which was hand delivered by you to him on November 1. I understand that the basis for this letter was an anonymous letter raising these allegations which have been fully and completely refuted in the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Court. I find it hard to believe that you would take action against Mr. Hester without more fully investigating the circumstances surrounding these allegations. I would recommend that you make an appointment with me to go through my file concerning this matter so I can prove to your satisfaction that the allegations against Mr. Hester have been shown to be untrue and without legal basis. If you do not wish to confer with me on the matter you may call Dr. William Tyson, the Court-appointed psychologist who investigated these charges and found them to be untrue. If Dr. Tyson's word is not sufficient I am sure that Judge Marilyn Bissell, the presiding judge, would be happy to enlighten you further.

I hope that you will reconsider your actions as evidenced by your letter of September 19 before further intervention on my part becomes necessary.

Very truly yours,

CASSTEVENS, HANNER, GUNTER & GORDON, P.A.


Dorian H. Gunter

DHG/mwt

cc: Luther W. Hester

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READY FOR FILE

APR 11 1989

A. GRAVES

CO. ~~415~~
415

April 11, 1989

Mr. Paul R. Moore
Scout Executive
Mecklenburg County Council, No. 415

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LUTHER WAYNE HESTER

Dear Paul:

I have not heard from you since our telephone conversation of December 29, concerning the above named individual. We wrote you in February, without further response.

I am enclosing a confidential record sheet which I must have completed so we can identify Mr. Hester, should he attempt to register at some other location with the Boy Scouts of America. Please complete this with as much information as you have available. A copy of a paper with Mr. Hester's signature would also aid in the identification process.

If you have not already written a letter suspending Mr. Hester, we would suggest that you do so immediately. This is most important if we are going to prevent further legal action should anything happen after we know of the facts in this matter.

I believe we must work together to protect the youth of America. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or problems with which we may be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Southeast Region

CONF016427

READY FOR FILE

NOV 28 1989

A. GRAVES

November 28, 1989

Mr. Leroy Mayne
Scout Executive
Mecklenburg County Council, No. 415

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LUTHER WAYNE HESTER

Dear Leroy:

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: Southeast Region

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

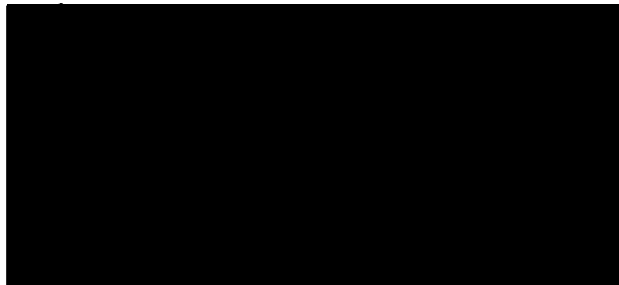


REC'D 12-9-88

CLAUZE-

ANY INFO ON HIM?

NO.



Deleted from
National Computer
12/13/88
JM

Added to
CF file
12/13/88
JM

David K. Park
214-580-2005
S400



Boy Scouts of America

November 1, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst
National Council, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

SUBJECT: Luther Wayne Hester

Dear Paul:

Today I hand delivered the letter to Mr. Hester rejecting his membership with the Boy Scouts of America. At his request I shared with him the information you sent on which this decision was made. Mr. Hester stated that the file contained allegations made by [REDACTED] and that the allegations were refuted. I encouraged him to send me documents that supported his claim to consider reinstating him.

Our records reflect that Mr. Hester is not registered currently.

Enclosed is my letter to Mr. Hester and the confidential record sheet. This will close the matter until we hear from Mr. Hester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy Mayne".

Leroy Mayne
Scout Executive

LM/gc

Enclosure

Boy Scouts of America



September 19, 1989

Hand delivered 11/1/89 by Leroy Mayne

Mr. Luther Wayne Hester

Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Mr. Hester:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should not be accepted. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely,

Leroy Mayne
Scout Executive

LM/gc

READY FOR FILE

OCT 18 1989

A. GRAVES

October 13, 1989

Mr. Leroy Mayne
Scout Executive
Mecklenburg County Council, No. 415

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LUTHER WAYNE HESTER

Dear Leroy:

On September 13, I sent you the complete file related to this individual. You will note that I had some trouble in getting this individual suspended previously.

I would like to know what action has now been taken, so that we can complete our file.

I am not trying to rush you and I hope that you do make certain that you have every piece of information you feel you need in order to make a proper decision, but I would like to close the file if I can, since it has been running for quite sometime.

Thanks for your help in taking care of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF016432

READY FOR FILE

February 9, 1989

FEB 10 1989

Mr. Paul R. Moore
Scout Executive
Mecklenburg County Council, No. 415

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LUTIER WAYNE HESTER

Dear Paul:

We had a conversation on December 29, concerning the above named individual. At that you indicated you would send us more information and prepare a letter to suspend Mr. Hester from registration with the Boy Scouts of America. I have not heard from you since that time.

In order for you to better understand what I have in my file, I do have information from the State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg, which indicates that [REDACTED] has been abused in some way while spending weekends [REDACTED]. We also have a statement from the social worker indicating that [REDACTED] has admitted to inappropriately fondling a child from [REDACTED]. This is a notarized statement which we received.

We still feel that Mr. Hester should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America, and that we should place him on our files as soon as possible in order to make certain that he does not become involved with a youth who is registered and, therefore, cause us serious problems.

Thanks for your help in completing the confidential record sheet which I am enclosing.

Sincerely,

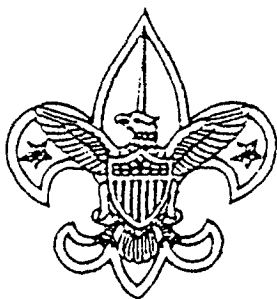
Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Southeast Region

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MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

December 22, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst
National Council
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

This week, I received a letter from you requesting that the Mecklenburg County Council suspend Luther Wayne Hester from registration. You advised that this should be done because you had "received information" that he should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. My purpose in writing to you is to attempt to clarify this, an apparently new registration policy with the Boy Scouts of America. As I understand it, it has previously been National policy that local councils could determine that persons should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and could so advise the National Office; this is the first time I have seen the process work in reverse. It may very well be that I am simply unaware of this system being used, but I must admit that it has taken me quite by surprise.

In no way am I questioning whether the individual should or should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. On the other hand, I am unwilling to move to withdraw his registration until I have some facts in hand as to why this should be done. You can appreciate the fact that it puts me and the Mecklenburg County Council in an extremely uncomfortable, and possibly illegal, position to remove somebody on the say so of a third party many miles away. If your office has received information which led you to this conclusion, I would expect that, at minimum, this would be shared with me and the local council would be involved in this decision.

I regret that I must decline to take any action on this matter until I receive clarification from your office as to the policy involved, and the reasons for your request. Please understand that I am not trying to be difficult in this matter, but all of us must make sure that we are on solid ground in acting in such cases. I look forward to hearing from you with further information.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Moore
Scout Executive

PRM/gc



A UNITED WAY MEMBER AGENCY

CONF016434

December 15, 1988

Mr. Paul R. Moore
Scout Executive
Mecklenburg County Council, No. 415

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Luther Wayne Hester

Dear Paul:

We received information concerning the above named individual that leads us to feel that he should be suspended from registration and not allowed to register in the future.

We have deleted him from the National Computer and would ask that you delete him from your local council computer system. He is presently registered in Troop S0154 with ID #034253.

A letter should be sent to Mr. Hester suspending him from registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

As you complete the Confidential Record Sheet we are enclosing, please look for a document with his signature. If you have this available, it will aid in the identification process.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE
DEC 15 1988
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF016435

RECEIVED

DEC 6 1988

DAVID K PARK

To Whom It May Concern:

Awhile back I came across a court case so bizarre and so terrible that it needs to be made public knowledge. The case involves one of your assistant scout masters in Charlotte, N.C. There is almost proof positive that the man is a child molester. He is in [REDACTED] at the present time with [REDACTED] over [REDACTED] (a 12 year old). [REDACTED] is the child's natural mother. The child and his mother have been in counseling for some months due to the trauma caused by this man. The man's name is Luther Hester, and he is an assistant scout master at a church on Shamrock Dr. in Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Hester is highly suspected of molesting [REDACTED]. The persons involved with the Boy Scouts at the same church are aware that Mr. Hester is suspected of child molesting, yet they still allow him to work with young boys. Let this be known, if anything happens to any of the children involved with the boy scouts in Mr. Hester's troupe, it will be made public that the Boy Scouts of America had knowledge of this situation and still allowed him to work with children.

CONF016436

Sally Matthews
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

File No. 88-7-273
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TO: _____
Juvenile Court Counselor or Law Enforcement Officer

It appearing to the court from the petition or motion for review in this case that there is a reasonable factual basis to believe the matter alleged in the petition are true, and

- The juvenile has been abandoned; or
- The juvenile has suffered physical injury or sexual abuse or is exposed to a substantial risk of physical injury or sexual abuse because [REDACTED] has inflicted the injury or abuse; created the conditions causing the injury, abuse, or exposure; failed to provide, or is unable to provide, adequate supervision or protection; or
- The juvenile is in need of medical treatment to cure, alleviate, or prevent suffering serious physical harm which may result in death, disfigurement, or substantial impairment of bodily functions, and his parent, guardian, or custodian is unwilling or unable to provide or consent to the medical treatment; or
- The parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the nonsecure custody order.

YOU ARE ORDERED, therefore, to assume immediate physical custody of said juvenile and, in accordance with G.S. 7A-576, to place the juvenile [REDACTED] in the physical custody of the mother [REDACTED]. A hearing to determine whether this Order shall remain in effect pending adjudication of the juvenile petition shall be heard within five days of the date of this Order. So long as this order remains in effect there shall be no visitation with [REDACTED] Luther Wayne Hester, Sr. and [REDACTED] Wayne Hester, Sr., is to have no contact whatsoever with the juvenile, [REDACTED] or the mother [REDACTED] and said Luther Wayne Hester, Sr. shall not go to mother's residence or be anywhere within [REDACTED] where mother resides. A copy of this order shall be given to [REDACTED]

This the 13 day of May, 1988.

Signed for and by direction of the District Judge named

Marilyn R. Bussell
District Judge

A TRUE COPY

Signature & title of Clerk of Superior Court _____ Hour & date of telephone communications _____

1154b/1
Judy M. Adams
Clerk Superior Court

Time juvenile taken into custody: ___ o'clock __.m., on the ___ day of
_____, 19__.

Signature, Title

Time juvenile released from custody: ___ o'clock __.m., on the ___ day of
_____, 19__.

Signature, Title

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OFFICER'S RETURN

Received: _____, 19__

Served: _____, 19__,
by executing the foregoing order in
accordance with its terms. A copy
was given to _____
at _____.

Returned unserved: _____,
19__. Though diligently sought, the
juvenile named could not be found in
this County.

Name, Title

1154n/2

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

File No. _____
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bob Cochran, Petitioner, having sufficient knowledge or information to believe that a case has arisen which invokes the juvenile jurisdiction of the Court, alleges:

1.

That the above named child is eleven years of age and resides in the district at the address shown above, or was found in the district as alleged herein.

2.

That the names and addresses of the child's parents or guardian or custodian are as follows:

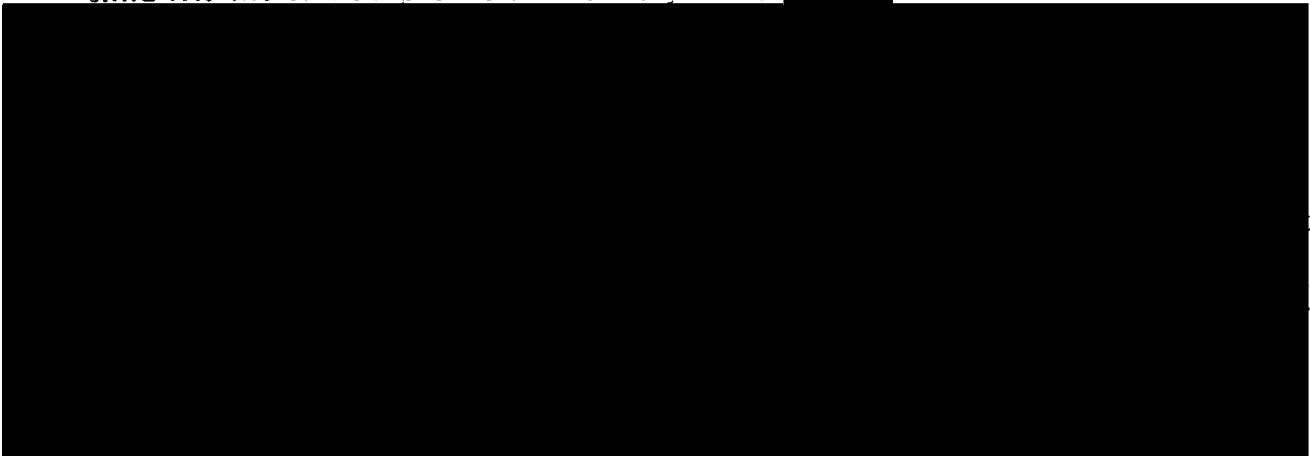
[REDACTED]

3.

The child is an ABUSED, NEGLECTED and/or DEPENDENT CHILD, as defined by N.C.G.S. 7A-517(1), (13), (21), in that upon information and belief, he has been sexually abused by [REDACTED] and/or resides in an environment injurious to his welfare during his [REDACTED]. The specific allegations, stated upon information and belief, are as follows:

1. The juvenile's mother and father are separated and/or divorced. The custody agreement in effect between mother and father stipulates that the child is to reside Monday through Friday with mother and spend weekends with his father.
2. At least as early as January, 1988, and perhaps earlier, the juvenile began exhibiting atypical behavior at the home of the mother, after [REDACTED]. These aberrant behaviors are described in the report of the Family Support Center, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated by reference herein.
3. These behaviors on the part of the child, as described on Exhibit A, led [REDACTED] to suspect this [REDACTED] was being sexually abused by [REDACTED].

4. Upon becoming suspicious of the child's behavior, the mother sought help at the Family Support Center on or about January, 1988. The mother and child have been engaged in counseling and therapy with the Family Support Center since that time.
5. It is the conclusion and professional opinion of the Family Support Center, which has been working with the [redacted] and juvenile since January, 1988, that this child is being sexually abused and/or otherwise exposed to an environment extremely detrimental to his mental health, while residing at the home of [redacted]. The specific conclusions of the Family Support Center, as well as the factual data supporting it, are spelled out in detail in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A. More specifically, the conclusion of the Family Support Center is that the juvenile is either engaging in anal intercourse with [redacted] while residing at [redacted] residence or is at substantial risk for such activity. An additional conclusion of Family Support Center is that the child fits the clinical profile of a sexually abused [redacted]



7. The [redacted] has admitted to inappropriately fondling a [redacted] from [redacted]

Petitioner prays the Court to hear the case to determine whether the allegations are true and whether the child is in need of the care, protection, or discipline of the State.

This the 15th day of May, 1988.

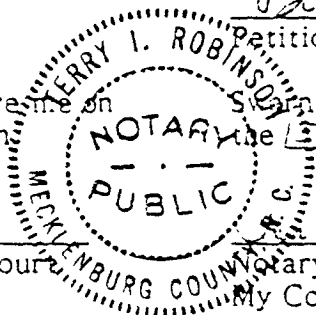
Bob Cochran
 Bob Cochran, Social Worker/Petitioner

VERIFICATION

The undersigned Petitioner, being duly sworn, says that the Petition hereon is true to his knowledge, except as to those matters alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to true.

Bob Cochran
 Petitioner - Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me on _____ day of _____, 1988.
 the date shown on the petition _____ day of May, 1988.



Terry I. Robins
 Assistant Clerk of Superior Court, Notary Public
 My Comm. Exp: 4-9-92

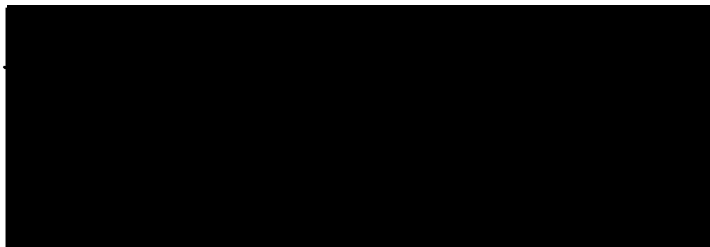
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

FILE NO.

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

In the Matter of:



AFFIDAVIT AS TO STATUS OF
MINOR CHILD

Bob Cochran

_____, Mecklenburg County Department of Social
Services, _____ Charlotte, North Carolina, 28211, being first duly
sworn, deposes and says:

1. That said affiant is the Petitioner in this action

2. That the name of the child is _____

the child's birthdate is _____

the child's birthplace is _____

N.C.

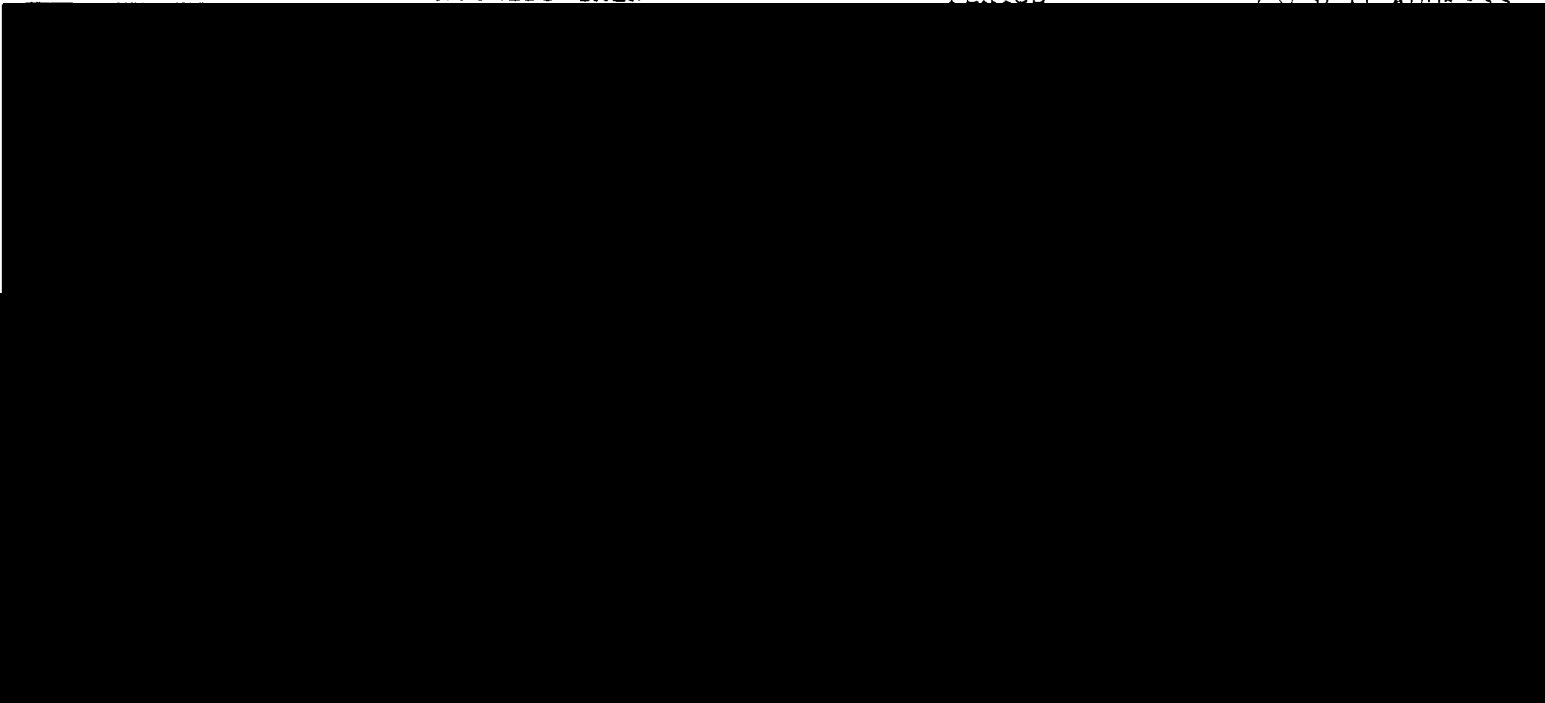
3. That during the past five years, the Petitioner is informed and believes
that the child has lived with:

PERSON LIVED WITH

ADDRESS THEN

PERIOD

THAT PERSON'S
PRESENT ADDRESS



4. That this affiant (has) (has not) participated as a (party) (witness) (other capacity) in litigation concerning the custody of the minor child in (this) (another) State. If the answer is affirmative, details stating capacity, name and address of the Court, to the extent Petitioner is aware of such details, are appended hereto and incorporated herein.

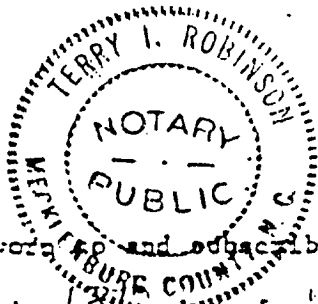
5. That this affiant (has) (does not have) information of any custody proceeding concerning a child mentioned above pending in a Court of this or any other state. If answer is affirmative, details, to the extent Petitioner is aware of such details, are appended hereto and incorporated herein.

6. That this affiant (knows) (does not know) of a person who has physical custody of the child, viz. _____

_____ or who claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the child, viz.: _____

(Address)

This 13 day of May, 1988.



Bob Cochran
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 13 day of May, 1988.

Jerry P. Robinson
Official Authorized to Administer Oaths

My Commission Expires April 9, 1992

IN THE MATTER OF:

JUVENILE SUMMONS

TO: _____

Child, Parent (s), Caretaker (s)

Addresses

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR in District Court # 71 in the Courthouse Annex (old Mecklenburg County Courthouse) at 11:30 o'clock A.M., on the 12 day of May, 19 88 or at 9:00 A.M. the first day of District Court #71 following service, for a hearing to consider the appointment of counsel for the parent (s) (in abuse, neglect or dependency proceedings) and the child and to set a date for hearing on the petition served with this summons.

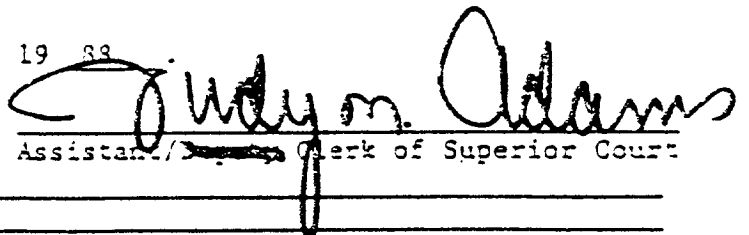
The Court has jurisdiction over you when you are served with this summons and petition.

A child named above who is served with this summons and petition and fails to appear at the time and place stated above, or at any subsequent hearing, could be placed in a secure or non-secure custody facility.

An adult named above who is served with this summons and petition and fails to appear at the designated time and place, or at any subsequent hearing; or fails to bring the child to any hearing, if the child is in his/her custody; or fails to abide by any Court Order issued pursuant to NCGS 7A-650; could be subject to the contempt powers of the Court and could lose custody of the child.

The Sheriff of this County or DSS Worker is directed to serve this summons by leaving copies, with copies of such other documents as may be attached, with each of the persons to whom the summons is addressed.

This 13th day of May, 19 88.


Assistant/Deputy Clerk of Superior Court

OFFICER'S RETURN ON SUMMONS

Received: _____

Served: _____, 19____.
By leaving copies of this summons and attachments with those named below.

Returned Unserved: _____, 19____.
Though diligently sought, those named below could not be found in this county.

Signature of Officer

Title

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
87-CVD-9796

LUTHER WAYNE HESTER, SR.)
)
Plaintiff,)

VS.)

ORDER

[REDACTED]

FILED
APR 21 1988
AT [REDACTED]

Defendant.

THIS CAUSE COMING ON TO BE HEARD and being heard before the undersigned Judge Presiding over the April 20, 1988 Term of Non-Jury Civil District Court; and

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that the Plaintiff was present with his attorney, Dorian H. Gunter, and the Defendant was present with her attorney, Jo Hill Dobbins; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the Court should enter the following Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

[REDACTED]

2. That since right before Christmas, 1987, the minor child has been residing with the Defendant on weekdays and with the Plaintiff on weekends, pursuant to an Order entered in open court in December before the Honorable Robert P. Johnston, said Order not having been yet reduced to writing.

3. That it appears that Monday night, April 18, 1988, there was a confrontation between the maternal [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and the Defendant.

[REDACTED]

5. That the minor child should continue to reside with the Defendant during weekdays and with the Plaintiff on weekends as set forth herein and the minor child should attend Scouts and other activities as set forth herein, and any party interfering with this arrangement, should be subject to contempt and subject to being placed in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.

2. Arrangements regarding the minor child as set forth herein are in the best interest of the minor child and any party interfering in said arrangements should be held in contempt of this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. The minor child [REDACTED] shall reside with the [REDACTED] the Defendant herein, from Sunday at 6:00 p.m. through Friday at 6:00 p.m. and shall reside with the Plaintiff, Luther Wayne Hester, Sr., from Fridays at 6:00 p.m. through Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

2. That the Plaintiff shall provide transportation to and from his home.

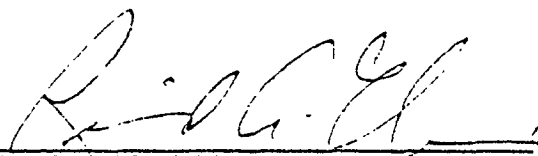
3. That the minor [REDACTED] attend Scout meetings from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Defendant shall provide transportation to and from said meeting on Monday nights.

4. That if there is no conflict with his baseball schedule as set forth herein, the minor child shall attend bowling activities on Saturdays, with the Plaintiff providing transportation to and from said bowling activity; that in the event there is a conflict between his bowling and his baseball schedule, then the minor child shall attend his baseball activity, and if there is no conflict than he shall attend both. That if there is a conflict between the baseball or bowling schedule and any Scout camping trip, and the parties cannot agree, then the minor child shall attend baseball activity first, his bowling activity second, and his camping last.

5. That it is the intention of this Court to keep [REDACTED] on an even keel prior to final trial; that if either party

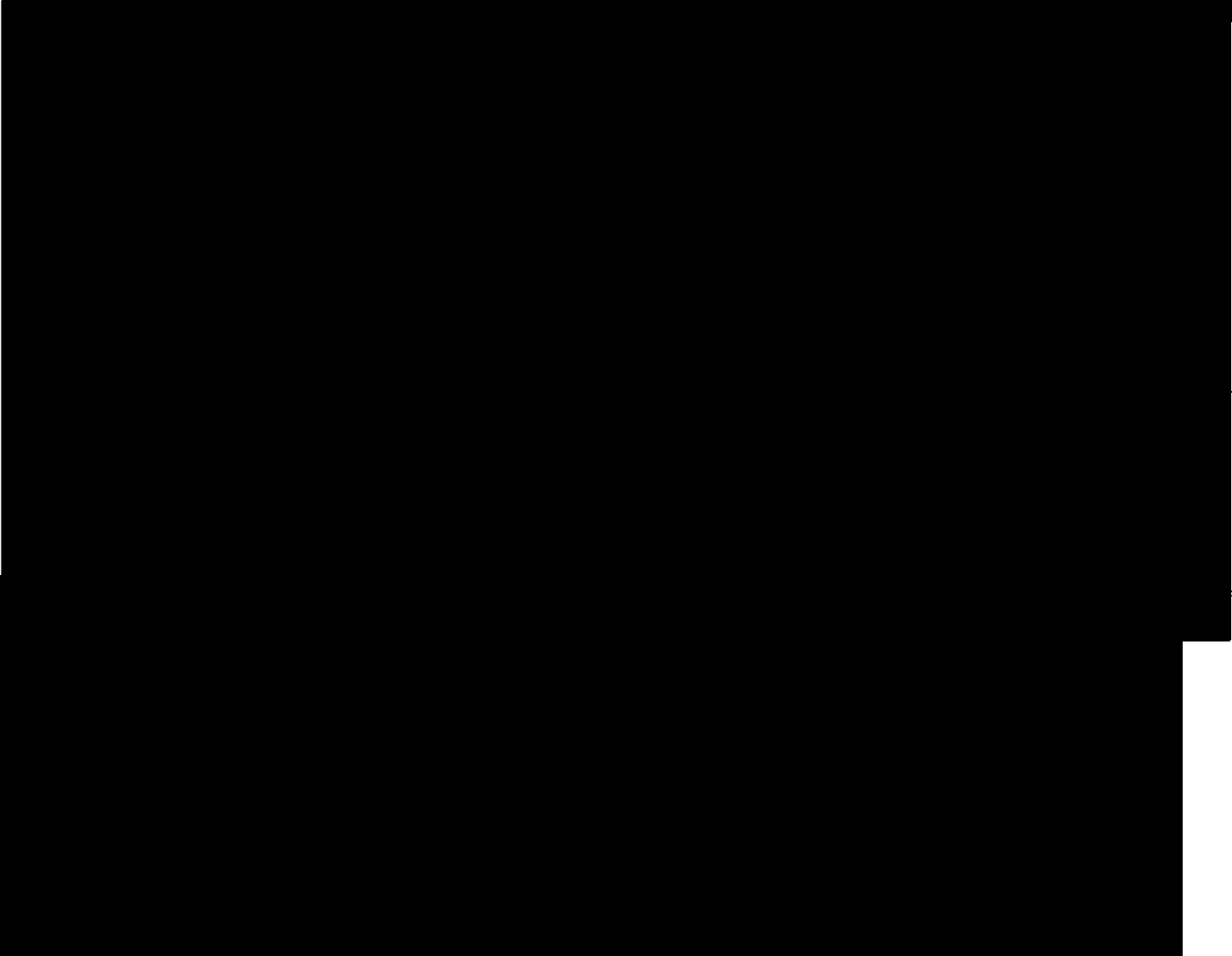
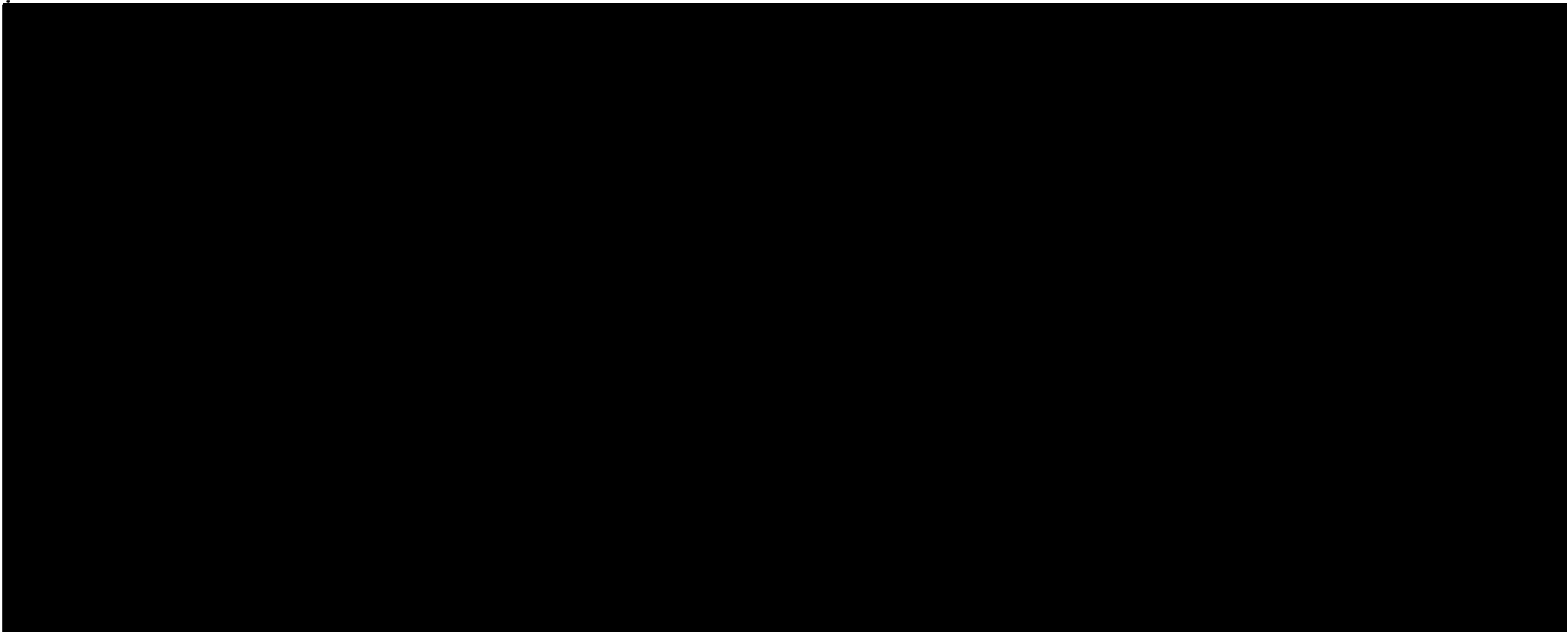
interferes with the minor child's schedule as set forth herein,
then that party shall be subject to the contempt powers of the
court and subject to being placed in the Mecklenburg County Jail
for that contempt.

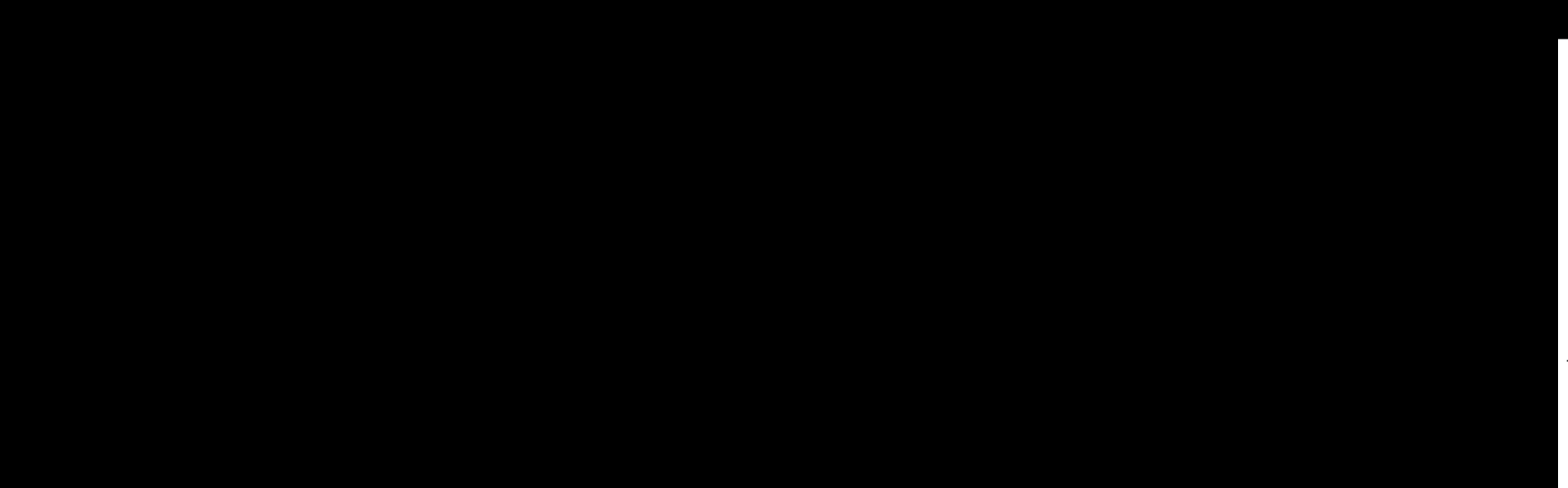
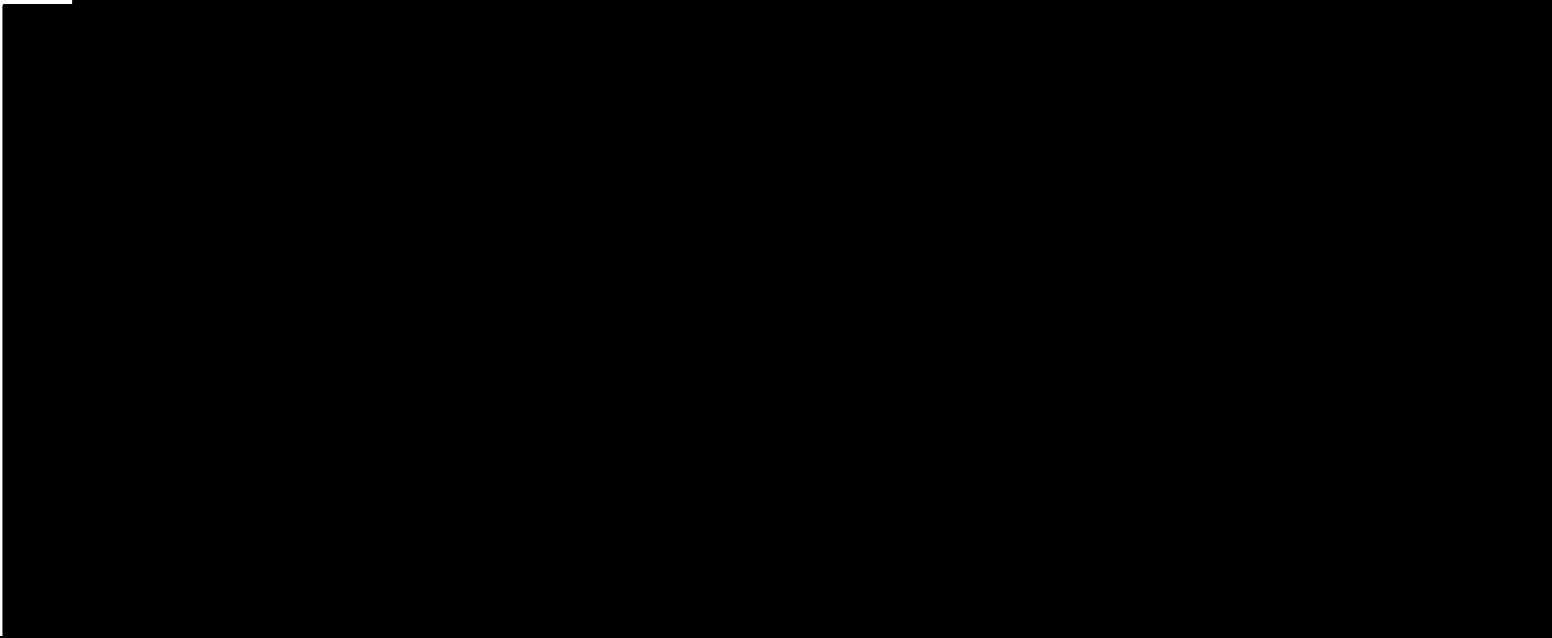
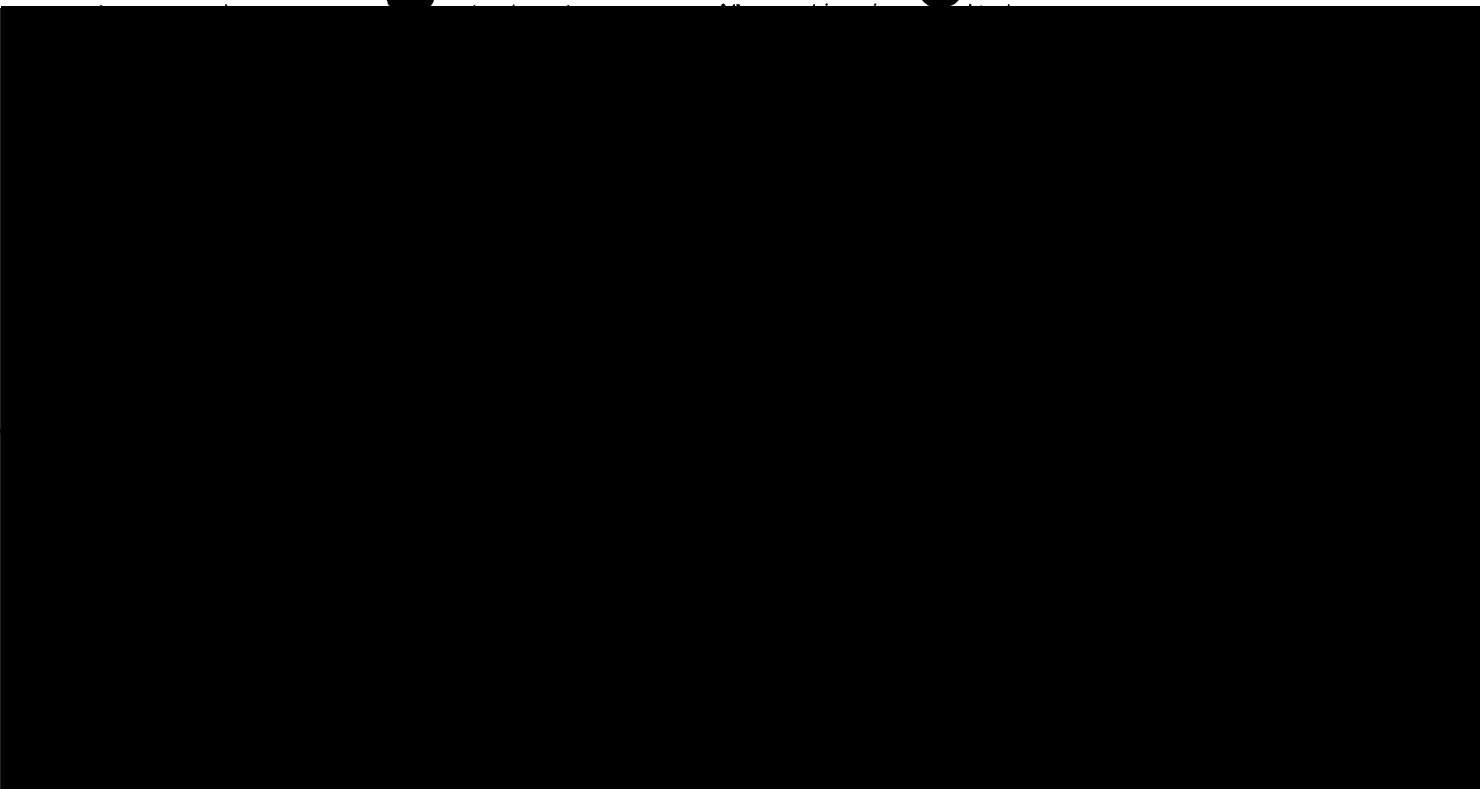
This 21 day of April, 1938.



JUDGE PRESIDING







Restriction upon contact and visitation between juvenile and Luther Wayne Hester, Sr. as stated in Non Secure Custody Order of May 13, 1986 are to remain in effect, and the provisions of said Order remain in effect.

APPROVED
BY: [Signature]
District Court Judge Presiding

This 18th day of May, 1986.

[Signature]
District Court Judge Presiding

To Whom It May Concern:

Awhile back I came across a court case so bizarre and so terrible that it needs to be made public knowledge. The case involves one of your assistant scout masters in Charlotte, N.C. There is almost proof positive that the man is a child molester. He is in a [REDACTED] at the present time with [REDACTED] over [REDACTED] (a 12 year old). The [REDACTED] is the child's [REDACTED]. The child and [REDACTED] have been in counseling for some months due to the trauma caused by this man. The man's name is Luther Hester, and he is an assistant scout master at a church on Shamrock Dr. in Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Hester is highly suspected of molesting [REDACTED]. The persons involved with the Boy Scouts at the same church are aware that Mr. Hester is suspected of child molesting, yet they still allow him to work with young boys. Let this be known, If anything happens to any of the children involved with the boy scouts in Mr. Hester's troupe, it will be made public that the Boy Scouts of America had knowledge of this situation and still allowed him to work with children.

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Sally Adams copy
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

File No. 98-9-373
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:



TO: _____
Juvenile Court Counselor or Law Enforcement Officer

It appearing to the court from the petition or motion for review in this case that there is a reasonable factual basis to believe the matter alleged in the petition are true, and

- The juvenile has been abandoned; or
- The juvenile has suffered physical injury or sexual abuse or is exposed to a substantial risk of physical injury or sexual abuse because the parent, guardian, or custodian has inflicted the injury or abuse; created the conditions causing the injury, abuse, or exposure; failed to provide, or is unable to provide, adequate supervision or protection; or
- The juvenile is in need of medical treatment to cure, alleviate, or prevent suffering serious physical harm which may result in death, disfigurement, or substantial impairment of bodily functions, and his parent, guardian, or custodian is unwilling or unable to provide or consent to the medical treatment; or
- The parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the nonsecure custody order.

YOU ARE ORDERED, therefore, to assume immediate physical custody of said juvenile and, in accordance with G.S. 7A-576, to place the juvenile [redacted] in the physical custody of the mother [redacted]. A hearing to determine whether this Order shall remain in effect pending adjudication of the juvenile petition shall be heard within five days of the date of this Order. So long as this order remains in effect there shall be no visitation with [redacted] Luther Wayne Hester, Sr., and [redacted] Luther Wayne Hester, Sr., is to have no contact whatsoever with the juvenile, [redacted] or the [redacted] and said Luther Wayne Hester, Sr., shall not go to mother's residence or be anywhere within [redacted] where mother resides. A copy of this order shall be given to the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian.

This the 13 day of May, 1988.

Signed for and by direction of the District Judge named

S/ Marilyn R. Bassell
District Judge

A TRUE COPY

Signature & title of Clerk of Superior Court _____ Hour & date of telephone communications _____

Judy M. Adams
Clerk Superior Court

Time juvenile taken into custody: ___ o'clock ___ m., on ___ day of
_____, 19__.

Signature, Title

Time juvenile released from custody: ___ o'clock ___ m., on the ___ day of
_____, 19__.

Signature, Title

OFFICER'S RETURN

Received: _____, 19__

Served: _____, 19__,
by executing the foregoing order in
accordance with its terms. A copy
was given to _____
at _____.

Returned unserved: _____,
19__. Though diligently sought, the
juvenile named could not be found in
this County.

Name, Title

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This the 17 day of May, 1983.

Bob Cochran
Bob Cochran, Social Worker/Petitioner

VERIFICATION

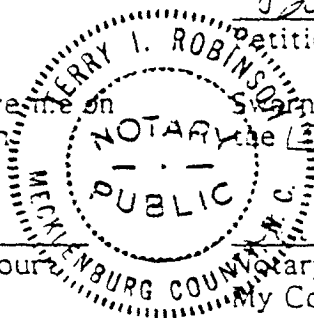
The undersigned Petitioner, being duly sworn, says that the Petition hereon is true to his knowledge, except as to those matters alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to true.

Bob Cochran

Petitioner - Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the date shown on the petition.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17 day of May, 1983.



Assistant Clerk of Superior Court

J. Robinson
Notary Public

My Comm. Exp: 4-9-92

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IN THE MATTER OF:



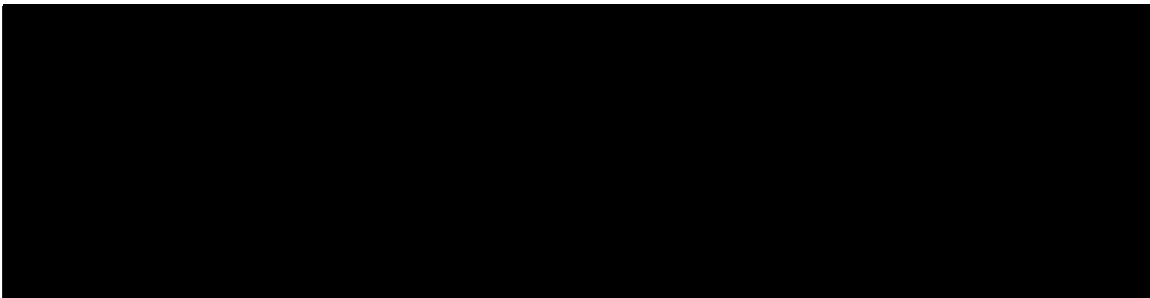
Bob Cochran, Petitioner, having sufficient knowledge or information to believe that a case has arisen which invokes the juvenile jurisdiction of the Court, alleges:

1.

That the above named child is eleven years of age and resides in the district at the address shown above, or was found in the district as alleged herein.

2.

That the names and addresses of the child's parents or guardian or custodian are as follows:



3.

The child is an ABUSED, NEGLECTED and/or DEPENDENT CHILD, as defined by N.C.G.S. 7A-517(1), (13), (21), in that upon information and belief, he has been sexually abused by [REDACTED] and/or resides in an environment injurious to his welfare during his weekend visits with his [REDACTED]. The specific allegations, stated upon information and belief, are as follows:

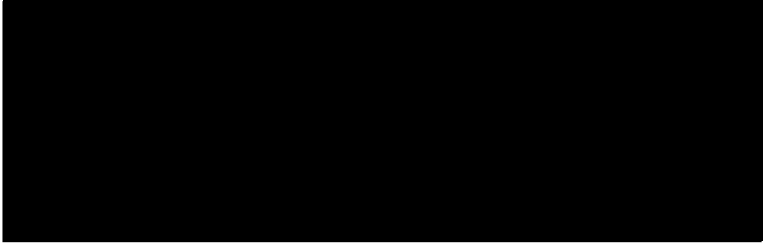
1. The juvenile's mother and father are separated and/or divorced. The custody agreement in effect between mother and father stipulates that the child is to reside Monday through Friday with mother and spend weekends with his father.
2. At least as early as January, 1983, and perhaps earlier, the juvenile began exhibiting atypical behavior at the home of the mother, after visits with the father. These aberrant behaviors are described in the report of the Family Support Center, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated by reference herein.
3. These behaviors on the part of the child, as described on Exhibit A, led mother to suspect this child was being sexually abused by [REDACTED].

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

FILE NO. _____
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

In the Matter of:



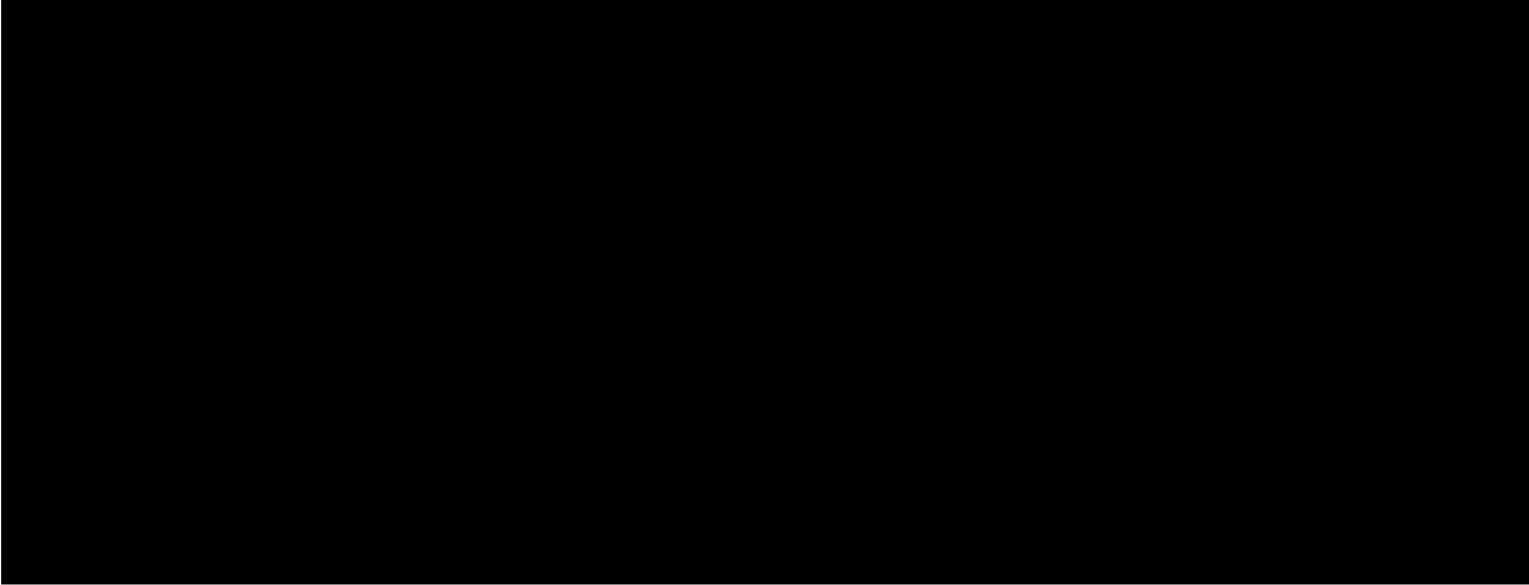
AFFIDAVIT AS TO STATUS OF
MINOR CHILD

Bob Cochran, Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28211, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That said affiant is the Petitioner in this action.
- 2. That the name of the child is _____;
the child's birthdate is _____ the child's birthplace is Charlotte
N.C.

3. That during the past five years, the Petitioner is informed and believes that the child has lived with:

<u>PERSON LIVED WITH</u>	<u>ADDRESS THEN</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>THAT PERSON'S PRESENT ADDRESS</u>
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Child, Parent (s), Caretaker (s)

Addresses

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR in District Court # 71 in the

William M. Adams
Assistant/Deputy Clerk of Superior Court

OFFICER'S RETURN ON SUMMONS

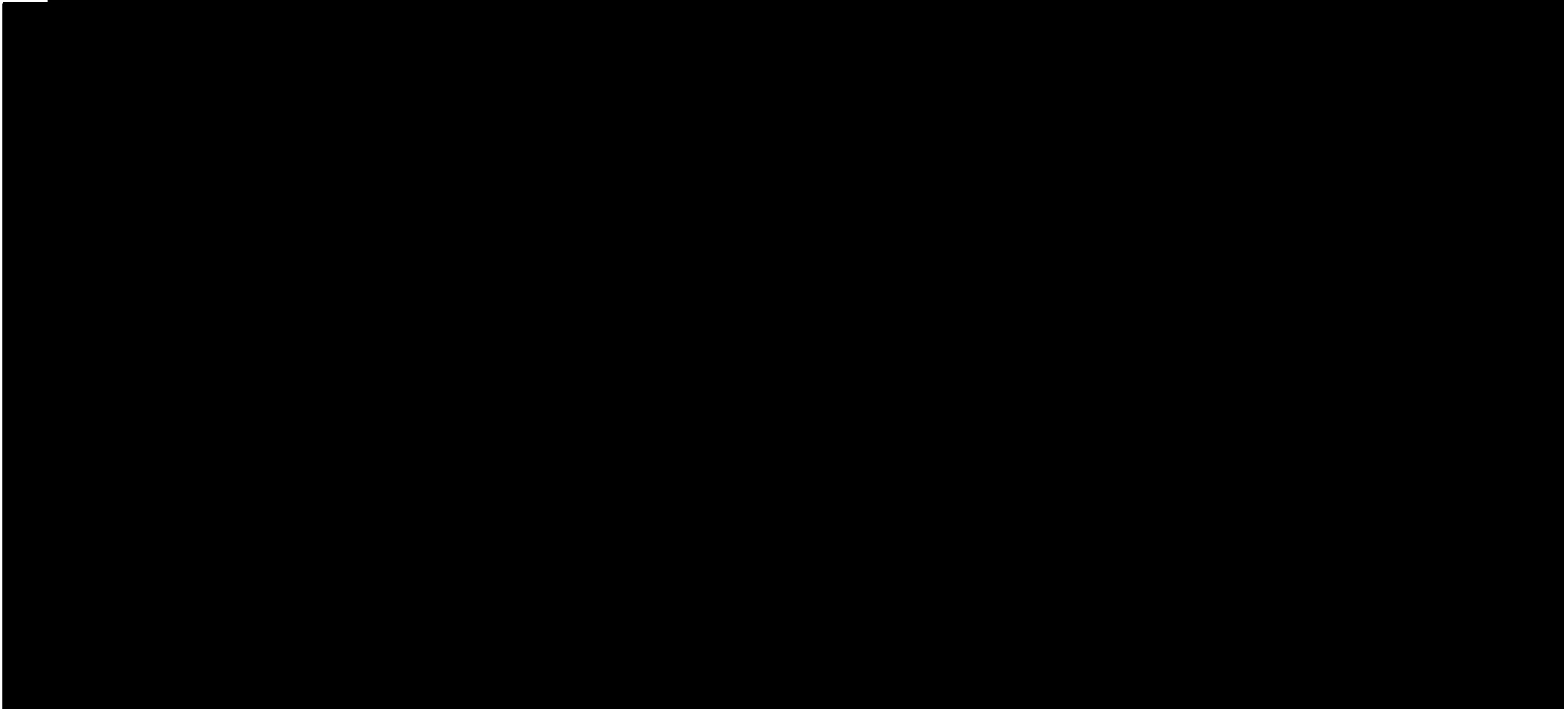
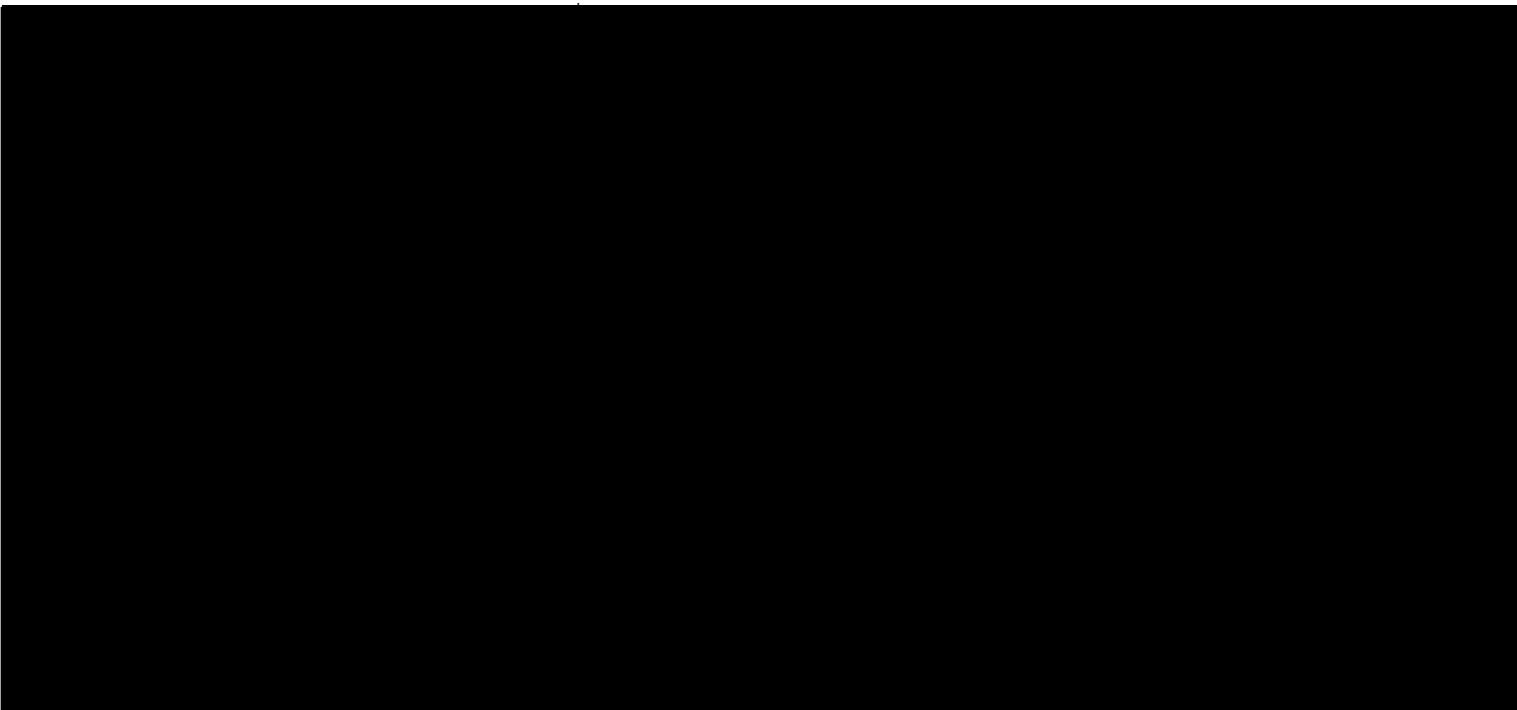
Received: _____

Served: _____, 19____.
By leaving copies of this summons
and attachments with those named
below.

Returned Unserved: _____, 19____.
Though diligently sought, those named
below could not be found in this county.

Signature of Officer

Title



District Court Judge Presiding

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
87-CVD-3793

LUTHER WAYNE HESTER, SR.)
)
Plaintiff,)

VS.

ORDER

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Defendant.

THIS CAUSE COMING ON TO BE HEARD and being heard before the undersigned Judge Presiding over the April 20, 1988 Term of Non-Jury Civil District Court; and

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that the Plaintiff was present with his attorney, Dorian H. Gunter, and the Defendant was present with her attorney, Jo Hill Dobbins; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the Court should enter the following Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That the parties are husband and wife living separate and apart; that the parties are the parents of one minor child, [REDACTED], age 11.

2. That since right before Christmas, 1987, the minor child has been residing with the Defendant on weekdays and with the Plaintiff on weekends, pursuant to an Order entered in open court in December before the Honorable Robert P. Johnston, said Order not having been yet reduced to writing.

3. That it appears that Monday night, April 18, 1988, there was a confrontation between the maternal [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and the Defendant.

[REDACTED]

5. That the minor child should continue to reside with the Defendant during weekdays and with the Plaintiff on weekends as set forth herein and the minor child should attend Scouts and other activities as set forth herein, and any party interfering with this arrangement, should be subject to contempt and subject to being placed in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.

2. Arrangements regarding the minor child as set forth herein are in the best interest of the minor child and any party interfering in said arrangements should be held in contempt of this Order.

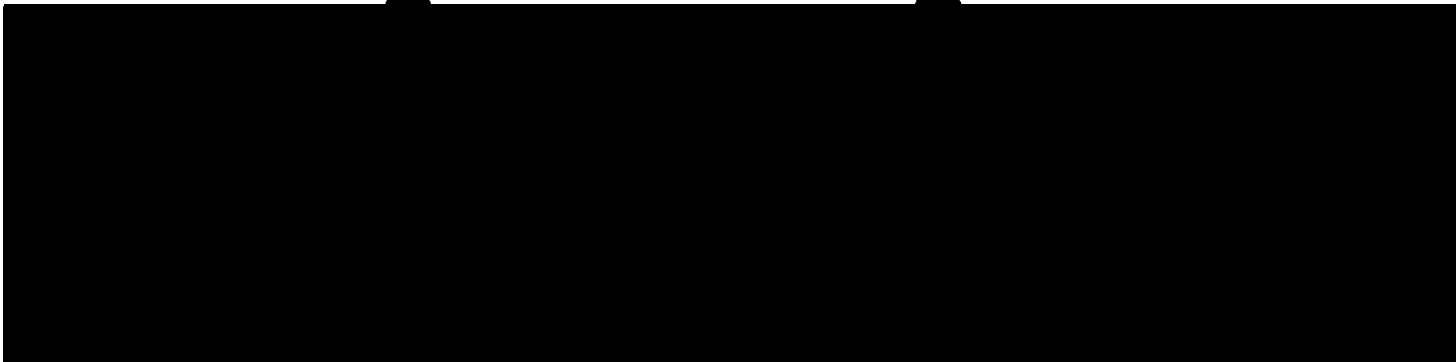
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. The minor child, [REDACTED] shall reside with the [REDACTED] the Defendant herein, from Sunday at 6:00 p.m. through Friday at 6:00 p.m. and shall reside with the Plaintiff, Luther Wayne Hester, Sr., from Fridays at 6:00 p.m. through Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

2. That the Plaintiff shall provide transportation to and from his home.

3. That the minor child shall attend Scout meetings from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Defendant shall provide transportation to and from said meeting on Monday nights.

4. That if there is no conflict with his baseball schedule as set forth herein, the minor child shall attend bowling activities on Saturdays, with the Plaintiff providing transportation to and from said bowling activity; that in the event there is a conflict between his bowling and his baseball schedule, then the minor child shall attend his baseball activity, and if there is no conflict than he shall attend both. That if there is a conflict between the baseball or bowling schedule and any Scout camping trip, and the parties cannot agree, then the minor child shall attend baseball activity first, his bowling activity second, and his camping last.



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JUDGE PRESIDING

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