

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE March 18, 1986FULL NAME William Edward TyreeSOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER N/A

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS Former: [REDACTED] Current: Richmond City JailCITY Richmond STATE Virginia ZIP CODE DATE OF BIRTH 5/49 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 36 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Unknown NATIONALITY U. S. Citizen\* OCCUPATION Youth Services Advisor (Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority)EDUCATION High School (Some College)WEIGHT 140 HEIGHT 5' 5" RACE BlackCOLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES DarkOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN 

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: 

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T425	Richmond	Va.	S.C.	2/1/85	1/31/86
Same position for 24 other units sponsored by Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority.					
SPECIAL RECOGNITION <u>Eagle Scout; O/A Lodge Chief Tidewater Council, Norfolk, Va.</u>					

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: 

As per attached news reports.

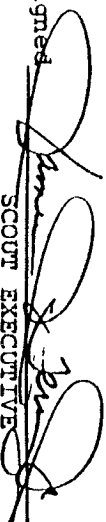
SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

\* Prior to October 1980:

.. Paraprofessional, Tidewater Area Council, BSA

.. Project Worker, Norfolk Model Cities Program signed

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April 18, 1986

Mr. James J. Terry  
Scout Executive  
Robert E. Lee Council, No. 602

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Edward Tyree

Dear Jim:

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: Southeast Region

READY FOR FILING

APR 18 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

MEMO TO -

Hoyt Hunt

Adrian Cronk

Paul Ernst

Harold Fieszel

SUBJECT

Mr. Bill Tyree

As a further up-date on Mr. Bill Tyree, I send you the attached. No "public outcry" so far over this news article or the radio broadcasts.

James J. T arry, Jr.

APRIL 12, 1986

## Ex-youth worker given 12 years <sup>News</sup> in morals case <sup>Lead</sup> 4/12/86

William Edward Tyree, 36, a former youth coordinator for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, has been sentenced in Richmond Circuit Court to 12 years in prison on two counts of aggravated sexual battery involving 12-year-old boys.

Tyree, formerly of the 6400 block Windcroft Road, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Frank A.S. Wright. The judge suspended another six-year sentence on a third aggravated sexual battery count.

Tyree pleaded guilty to the charges March 11. At Tyree's trial, a juvenile detective told Wright that all the charges involved fondling.

The defendant was scoutmaster for a troop sponsored by the housing authority. The boys were members of the troop.

In February, Tyree was sentenced to five years in prison, with three years suspended, for sodomizing a 16-year-old Richmond youth at a camp in Goochland County.

March 24, 1986

Mr. James J. Terry, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Robert E. Lee Council, No. 602

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Edward Tyree

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of March 18 concerning Bill Tyree. I do not know whether some communication was lost in the mail or misplaced somewhere, but, in checking our files, we find no evidence of having previous communication.

I appreciate all the material which you have sent us and this should be ample for keeping this individual from registering with the Boy Scouts of America. Thanks again for your help in completing our file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

READY FOR FILE

MAR 25 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER



SCOUTING/USA

Program for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Explorers

Robert E. Lee Council, Inc. No. 602  
Boy Scouts of America  
900 Westover Road, Richmond, Virginia 23220-6697  
Telephone: [REDACTED]

March 18, 1986

Mr. Paul I. Ernst  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul,

I found it incredulous that you did not have a Confidential Report on Bill Tyree. He has been in jail since last April. I became fully acquainted with the case on my arrival in September of '85 and felt sure that you had been notified.

Anyway, we're up to date now and enclosed you will find several articles and a picture of him when it was printed in SCOUTING.

Sincerely,

James J. Terry, Jr.  
Scout Executive

cc: Hoyt Hunt  
Adrian Cronk

Enclosures

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**SERVING YOUTH**

IN THE CITIES  
IN THE COUNTIES OF  
MEMBER AGENCY OF

- COLONIAL HEIGHTS, HOPEWELL, PETERSBURG, RICHMOND,
- AMELIA, BUCKINGHAM, CHARLES CITY, CHESTERFIELD, CUMBERLAND, DINWIDDIE, ESSEX, GOOCHLAND, HANOVER, HENRICO, KING WILLIAM, KING & QUEEN, LANCASTER, LUNENBURG, MECKLENBURG, MIDDLESEX, NEW KENT, NORTHUMBERLAND, NOTTOWAY, POWHATAN, PRINCE EDWARD, PRINCE GEORGE, RICHMOND, WESTMORELAND,
- UNITED FUND OF HOPEWELL, UNITED WAY OF SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA, UNITED WAY OF RICHMOND, COMMUNITY CHEST OF PRINCE EDWARD.



**United Way**

# Morals case guilty pleas entered

The former youth coordinator for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority pleaded guilty today in Richmond Circuit Court to three counts of aggravated sexual battery involving 12-year-old boys.

The defendant, William Edward Tyree, 36, formerly of the 3400 Hick Winderott Road, is to be sentenced April 11. He faces up to 20 years in prison on each of the charges.

Tyree was sentenced last month to five years in prison with three years suspended for sodomizing a 16-year-old Richmond youth at Camp Brady Saunders, a camp operated by the Robert E. Lee Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Goochland County.

He was scoutmaster for a troop sponsored by the housing authority.

All of the boys he is accused of molesting were members of the troop.

Tyree had been scheduled to be tried today by a jury but changed his mind yesterday and pleaded guilty this morning before Richmond Circuit Judge Frank A.S. Wright.

Juvenile detective Stephen T. Howard told Wright that the charges involved fondling.

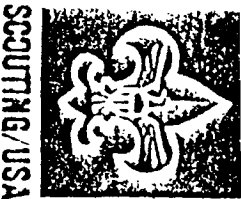
After hearing Howard's testimony, Wright asked each of the boys and Tyree whether Howard's summary was substantially correct. All four said that it was, and Wright then convicted Tyree of the offenses.

Tyree was arrested in May on the sodomy charge, and detectives discovered that other boys had been molested when they interviewed members of the troop, authorities said.

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A program for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Explorers

Robert E. Lee Council, Inc. No. 302  
Boy Scouts of America

900 Westover Road, Richmond, Virginia 23220-6697  
Telephone: [REDACTED]

March 18, 1986

To: Selected Scouters

Subject: Special Notes on Mr. Tyree

During the trial it was testified to that Mr. Tyree had told the Scouts that they had to fondle him because it was part of the requirements for his Woodbadge training. A local radio station told "the world" that as it used Tyree's guilty plea as a news break all day long on the 11th.

Television stations (two out of three) reported on the story that evening (not mentioning Woodbadge) and the attached newspaper article was on page 21 of the afternoon paper. The morning paper had no mention of it at all.

Sincerely,

James J. Terry, Jr.  
Scout Executive

Enclosure

JJT/ec

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**United Way**



## Scout leader gets 2 years in sex case

GOOCHLAND — A former Boy Scout leader has been sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to sodomizing a 16-year-old Richmond youth during a Scouting function here at Camp Brady Saunders in September 1984.

William Edward Tyree, 36, of the 6400 block Windcroft Road in Richmond, pleaded guilty in Goochland County Circuit Court to one count of sodomy, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Gerald T. Massie.

Judge F. Ward Harkrader Jr. sentenced Tyree to five years in prison with three years suspended. Tyree was a resident services adviser for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and served as liaison between Boy Scouts and the authority.

He also was ordered to pay for any psychological counseling the youth, now 17, receives.

Tyree originally had been charged with forcible sodomy, but the charge was reduced to sodomy, Massie said.

He is awaiting trial March 11 in Richmond on three counts of aggravated sexual battery of a minor. He has been charged with sexually molesting three Boy Scouts in separate incidents during overnight trips at the Blackwell Community Center in South Richmond and the Wickham Court center in the East End.

Those incidents occurred between December 1984 and June 1985, court records showed.

Tyree often substituted as a leader for Richmond area troops, an official with the Robert T. Lee Council of the Boy Scouts of America said.

B-10 Richmond Times-Dispatch, Friday, October 18, 1985

## *Molestation counts certified*

A Richmond judge yesterday certified to a grand jury child abuse charges against a Richmond Scoutmaster accused of sexually molesting boys in his troop.

Juvenile court Judge Willard H. Douglas certified the case against William Edward Tyree, 36, a youth coordinator with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Tyree is accused of three counts of aggravated sexual battery of a minor.

The grand jury is scheduled to convene Nov. 14.

Tyree, of the 6400 block of Windcroft Road, faces additional charges on related alleged incidents in Goochland County.

The three victims testified that Tyree molested them repeatedly in separate incidents during overnight sleeping trips from December 1984 to June 1985 at the Blackwell Community Center in Southside and the Wickham Court center in the East End.

## Sodomy charge filed

A man from Richmond has been arrested and held in Goochland County Jail for an alleged forcible sodomy of a juvenile in the summer of 1984.

William E. Tyree, 35, of 6400 Windcroft Drive Richmond was arrested Sunday. He was being held in lieu of posting a \$40,000 property bond or a \$20,000 cash bond.

According to Chief Deputy Leslie

Parrish of the Goochland County Sheriff's Department, who is investigating the matter, the alleged incident took place in Goochland County.

Tyree was scheduled to appear for a bond hearing and court date scheduling on Tuesday, May 9 in Goochland County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

March 7, 1935

Mr. James J. Terry  
Scout Executive  
Robert E. Lee Council, No. 502

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Edward Tyree

Dear Jim:

We recently received information concerning William Edward Tyree indicating that he should be placed on the Confidential File because of some actions which would preclude his registration.

Since I have no information on this individual, I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed. This will give the necessary information for identification should Mr. Tyree try to register in any other location.

I would also like to have any other information which you have that would support our refusal of registration. This could include statements from individuals, newspaper clippings, court records or other things which would substantiate our refusal at a later time in any other location.

Thank you for your help. Please let me know if you need other information from this office.

Sincerely,

**Paul Ernst, Director**  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region  
Enclosure

Nothing filed 3-13-86

To Mr Ernst

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time 11:37

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2227

Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_

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WANTS TO SEE YOU	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Message Concerning

Wm Edward Joyce on PIC

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Richard J. [unclear] [unclear]

Signed SPM

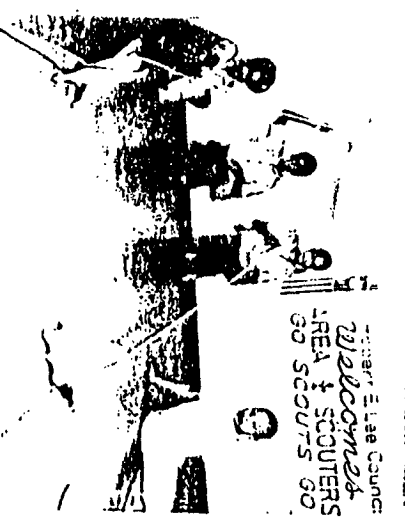
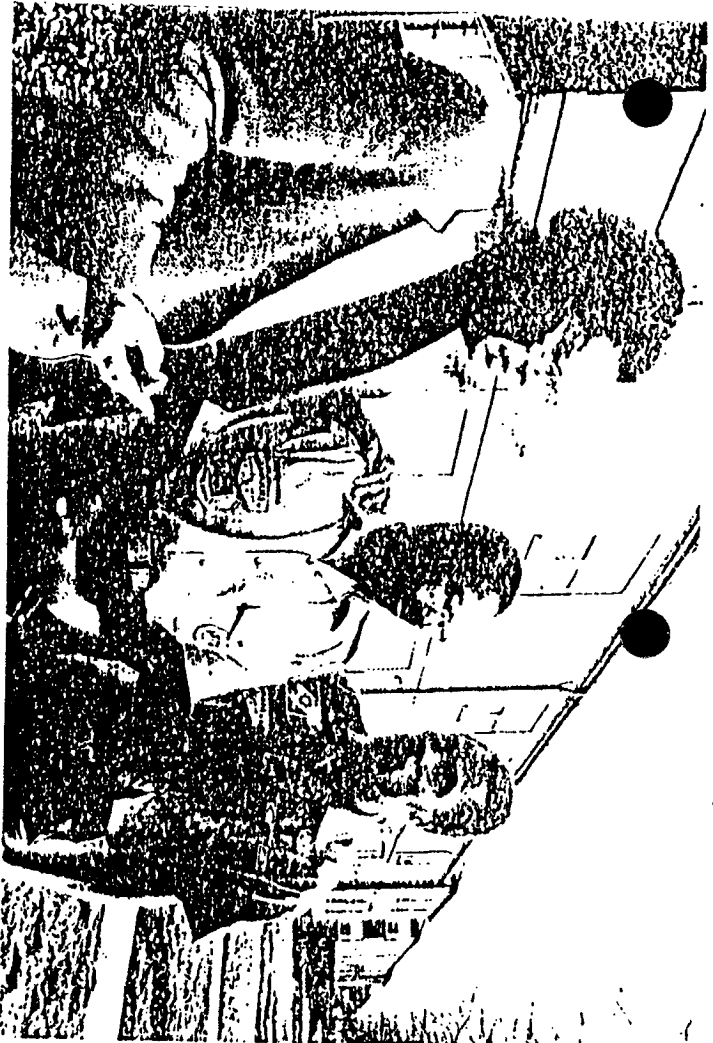
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 just housing project  
 and Larch Heights  
 Housing Authority  
 and Associate DE George C.  
 Smith Jr. "The key to the  
 whole situation is that we  
 have a good relationship  
 with the authority man-  
 agement staff." George  
 Smith said. "They're  
 supportive of Scouting as  
 part of their overall  
 community concept." And  
 Lanny Anderson noted  
 when Bill Tyree appeared  
 on the scene there were  
 11 packs, troops and posts  
 in the developments, most  
 of them weak; today there  
 are 24, most of them strong.

Unit meetings are held in the community rooms of the housing developments; one development even has a room exclusively for Scouting.

Only about a third of the boys and leaders have uniforms, but the number is growing. The housing authority pays Scouts for cleaning up, trimming hedges, and performing other chores around the developments, and also keeps a list of part-time job openings to enable Scouts to earn money for uniforms and unit expenses.

All 24 units are chartered to tenant councils, the elected body in each development which is responsible for community activities. The Explorer posts have sponsors, too, in their career-interest fields—journalism, radio, photography, Christian education, emergency services, modeling, professional sports, and urban studies.

Journalism Post 437 in the Hillside Court development has as its Advisor John Templeton, editor of the *Richmond Afro-American*, and an old Life Scout from Winston-Salem, N.C. Last year the post published a newsletter for Hillside Court, contributed to *Tenant Progress*, the authority's newspaper for residents, and visited the *Washington Post* and *Richmond News Leader Times-Dispatch* offices. This year, according to Virginia Tyson, post founder and president, and Audrey Anderson, vice-president, the post is widening its focus to include drug abuse education.



That's a fairly typical program for a journalism post. Not so typical is the urban studies post, which aims to broaden the horizons of young people in public housing. "What it does is give our young people the opportunity to look at themselves in terms of where they live, why it's the way it is, and where they can go from here," William Tyree said. "They learn what it takes to go to college, how to get a job, and how to look into the military as a career."

"Parental support for Scouting is absolutely super in the developments," Bill Tyree said. "The parents really want to make sure their kids can be in Scouting." Because the vast majority of families are headed by mothers, nearly all of the Cub Scout den leaders, Cubmasters, unit committee members, and Scouting coordinators are women.

Finding Scoutmasters is another story. "The problem is," Bill Tyree said, "that men in the developments who are of the caliber to serve as role models for our youngsters are normally working two jobs; they're trying for upward mobility to remove their families from public housing."

So most of the Scoutmasters are recruited from outside. "We use the techniques recommended by the BSA," Bill Tyree said. He explained that he watches the newspapers for stories about men and



TROOP CHARTER RENEWAL

No 27 201G 10041123

CITY RICHMOND	STATE VA	COUNTY, DISTRICT CAPITOL	LOCAL UNIT NO 425	CURRENT EXPIRATION DATE 1/31/85	NEW EXPIRATION DATE 1/31/86
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION  
BLACKWELL COURT RR#4, 214 E 14TH ST, RICHMOND VA,

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NO CHRT. ORG. CODE  
ROSE FRAZIER [REDACTED] 071  
RICHMOND [REDACTED]

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (SEE STATEMENT ON BACK) SIGNATURE *B.F.*

TROOP MEETING PLACE AND DAY BOYS' LIFE INFORMATION  
BLACKWELL COMM BLDG THURSDAY NO. PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS 0

BOYS' LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS  
TERM N/A BEGIN 4/85 END 3/86  
100% BOYS' LIFE NO

22 MONTHS COMPLETED UNIT TENURE  
TROOP ON BASED BUDGET PLAN

SIGNATURES  
SC *[Signature]* CC *Rose Frazier* MC *Mary G...*

LEADER ROSTER

UNIT	BOYS	LINE NO.	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE AND ZIP	SEX
425	SC	2	ROSE A FRAZIER				
	CC		ROSE A FRAZIER				
1150	CC	3	JESSIE G WALKER				
	SC		ROSE A. FRAZIER				
	MC	4	VELNET BROWN				
0752	MC	5	THOMASINA HICKS				
0532	MC	6	WILLIAM TYREE				
0451	MC		Mary S. Graham				
0452	MC		Dorothy Davis				
0453	MC		Dorothy L. Gera				

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