

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET  
 REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 7-3-90

FULL NAME Thomas E Van Tyle  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Russiaville STATE Indiana ZIP CODE 46979

DATE OF BIRTH 10-31-64 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 26 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) United States

OCCUPATION Maintenance Worker - Ramada Inn - Kokomo

EDUCATION 12th grade

WEIGHT 155 HEIGHT 5' 9" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES Brown

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HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED  SINGLE  NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T. 519	Russiaville	IN	MC		

Chartered Organization New London Friends Church

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE 1 DATE OF INCIDENT ? RESOLUTION 2  
 Type Resolution

- 1=Scout Related
- 2=Non-scout related
- 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 3. Court action
- 4. Probationary status
- 5. Reported to state agency

Check off list of attached documentation

- 1. Description of incident
- 2. Victim(s) statement
- 3. media reports
- 4. Legal proceedings
- 5. Offender's statement
- 6. Official notification of termination
- 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council Sagamore # 162

*Joseph S. Jolliffe*

APPROVED  
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 JUL 19 1990  
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April 2, 1991

Mr. Joseph E. Vollmer  
Scout Executive  
Sagamore Council, No. 162

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS E. VAN TYLE

Dear Joe:

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,

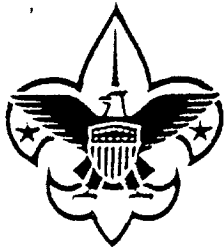
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

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APR 03 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

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Sagamore Council, P.O. Box 865  
518 N. Main Street  
Kokomo, IN 46903, 317-452-8253  
800-382-0537

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 22, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service  
National Office, B.S.A.  
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas E. Van Tyle  
James A. Hansen

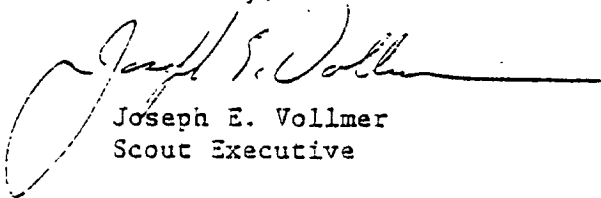
Dear Paul:

Sorry it has taken so long in supplying the enclosed information on the sexual abuse charges against the above named subjects. Our court system seems to take forever.

The enclosed article was in tonight's newspaper.

I will send the newspaper account of the Hansen sentencing after the March 6 hearing.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Vollmer  
Scout Executive

JEV:mna

Enclosure

PARTICIPATING AGENCY OF YOUR UNITED WAY



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# Defendant also was abuse victim

By Mike Paluck  
Tribune staff writer

A former Boy Scout official from Russiaville who pleaded guilty to molesting one of his young charges was himself molested by his Scout leader, according to Howard Circuit Court testimony.

Thomas E. VanTyle, 26, was described as a "perpetrator and a victim" during his sentencing hearing before Judge R. Alan

Brubaker. VanTyle's attorney, John Wood, told the court VanTyle was molested as a child by James A. Hanson, who was then the Scoutmaster of Troop 519.

Hanson, 47, 1050 W. Road 150 South, Russiaville, also faces charges of child molestation in Circuit Court from an investigation conducted by the Howard County Sheriff Department. Efforts to reach Hanson or his at-

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## Defendant ...

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torney, James Fleming, were unsuccessful this morning.

A former assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 519, VanTyle admitted that he had fondled or touched a young member of the troop during June 1990. Although he was formally charged with two Class D felony counts of child molestation, he was suspected of molesting 10 boys, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Domenica A. Martino said.

According to Dr. James Reed, a psychotherapist from Indianapolis, VanTyle's behavior involving young boys was a model, and a repeat of sexual behavior he had experienced at the hands of his Scoutmaster. The molestation of VanTyle began at age 11, when he was a member of Troop 519, Wood said. The incidents continued up to the time he was arrested on the Circuit Court charges, Wood said.

Diagnosed as mildly mentally retarded, VanTyle grew up in a home without a father figure, and

was described in court as "a follower."

Wood told Brubaker he was not making excuses for his client, but he said he wanted the judge "to understand what happened here."

Acting on a request from Wood and a recommendation from a Howard County probation official, Brubaker suspended a three-year prison sentence, and placed VanTyle on supervised probation for three years. Brubaker said he suspended the prison term because of the circumstances of the case, and because VanTyle was also a "victim."

The judge ordered VanTyle to continue counseling that he started last August, because of depression related to the child molestation charges. Brubaker also ordered VanTyle to avoid any supervision of children under the age of 18 during his probation.

Before the sentence was imposed, Reed testified that "with restrictions," VanTyle was "a low

risk" of being a repeat offender. But Reed added that the former Boy Scout official would be a "high risk" if he were to be placed in a position of authority over children he is familiar with.

On Feb. 6, Hanson pleaded guilty to one Class D felony count that accused him of fondling or touching a youth between August 1989 and February 1990. Brubaker accepted the guilty plea and set March 6 as Hanson's sentencing date.

A three-month investigation by the Howard County Sheriff Department led to the filing of charges against Hanson and VanTyle last summer. According to officers, the investigation was initiated by the attempted molestation of a 16-year-old boy.

The investigation revealed that two men had been involved in numerous incidents of child molestation involving 39 male victims, over a period of several years, officers said.

# KOKOMO

Kokomo, Ind.



# TRIBUNE

Thursday, Feb. 21, 1991

November 30, 1990

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A. GRAVES

Mr. Joseph E. Vollmer  
Scout Executive  
Sagamore Council, No. 162

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS E. VAN TYLE

Dear Joe:

It has been several months since I have heard from you concerning the above named individual. I understand he was charged with sexual abuse sometime in August.

We would like to know if the legal action has now been completed, if so we would like to have newspaper clippings or court records substantiating that.

We follow-up on files periodically to get all the information that is possible related to each individual. We want to have a complete file, so that in the future these individuals can be refused registration.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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Kokomo, Ind.

Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1990

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# KOKOMO TRIBUNE



## Ex-Boy Scout leaders

### Two face felony child molestation charges

By Althe Patrick  
Tribune staff writer

Two former Boy Scout leaders from Rustonville face felony child molestation charges in Howard Circuit Court.

The charges were filed Monday against Thomas E. Vantyle, 25, 225 E. Main St., Rustonville, and James A. Hanson, 46, 1620 W. Road 150 South, as a result of an investigation by the Howard County Sheriff Department.

Today, Joseph Vollmer, executive director of the Sagamore Council of Boy Scouts of America, said his office was involved in the lengthy investigation which led to the charges, but said he did not have specific information about the particular cases against the men.

Vollmer said Boy Scouts of America supplied registration material to the sheriff department during the course of the investigation, and met with parents to explain their rights and to discuss their fears.

He said Vantyle and Hanson were associated with Troop 519 chartered by the New London Friends Church. The Boy Scout memberships of the two men were terminated several months ago, according to Vollmer.

Vantyle is charged with two Class D felony counts of child molestation. The first count alleges he had sexual contact with a minor during June of this year. The second count alleges Vantyle had sexual contact

with another youth during the same time period.

Hanson also faces two Class D felony child molest charges. One of the charges alleges Hanson had sexual contact with a minor during the spring of 1989. In the second count, Hanson is charged with sexual contact with a minor from August 1989 through February 1990.

This morning, the sheriff department had no record of Vantyle or Hanson being arrested.

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**THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1990

## 2 former scoutmasters charged in molestations

By **SCOTT L. MILEY**  
STAR STAFF WRITER

Two former Boy Scout leaders in Kokomo each have been charged today with two counts of child molesting and are suspects in alleged molestations involving 35 other boys, Howard County sheriff's investigators said Tuesday.

Warrants are expected to be issued today from Howard Superior Court for Thomas Vantyle, 25, of Russiaville and James Hanson, 46, of western Howard County.

Both men have admitted their involvement in 39 molestations of teen-age Scouts and non-Scouts, said Sheriff's Lt. Don Howard.

"They have both been cooperative in our investigation," Howard said.

The allegations, which date to 1978, surfaced in March when a youth reported a molestation attempt to his parents. However, the statute of limitations has run out on many of the allegations, and the Howard County prosecutor's office is expected to pursue only the two charges that each faces.

The charges against Hanson,

a factory employee, involve the molestations of youths not involved in Scouting. Vantyle, a restaurant employee, is charged with molesting one 15-year-old Scout after a troop meeting and molesting a 15-year-old non-Scout.

Hanson and Vantyle were suspended from Scouting in June after allegations arose against them, said Dewey Long, finance director for the Boy Scouts of America Sagamore Council in Kokomo.

Hanson had served as scoutmaster for Troop 519 before passing those duties to his former assistant scoutmaster, Vantyle.

The troop now has about 20 members and none of those are believed to have been molested, Long said.

Counseling has been offered to the victims and their families through the Scouting program, Long said.

Also, the council has adopted a nationally used awareness program that involves a detailed questionnaire for potential leaders and offers ways to detect the potential for sexual abuse, Long said.

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**ACROS**

# STATESLINE

FROM USA TODAY'S NATIONAL NEWS NETWORK

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## INDIANA

**KOKOMO** — Ex-Boy Scout leaders Thomas Vantyle, 25, James Hanson, 46, face arrest warrants today on charges of molesting 2 scouts, officials said. Pair confessed, are cooperating, officials said. Probe of 35 other cases involving 15-year-olds goes back to '78, they said. ... **INDIANAPOLIS**

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## WASHINGTON

**SEATTLE** — Boy Scout leader Richard Dilley, 31, will be arraigned today on charges of child rape, molestation of 2 boys — ages 14, 15. Boys told police that incidents occurred at scout camp, Dilley's apartment. ... **PASCO** — 75



July 30, 1990

Mr. Joseph E. Vollmer  
Scout Executive  
Sagamore Council, No. 162

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS E. VAN TYLE

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the material you recently sent us concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we establish a file, and will enable us to identify Mr. Van Tyle should he attempt registration anywhere in the country.

We would like more information concerning the allegations of sexual abuse with boys. Is Mr. Van Tyle to be arrested and charged? If so, we would like newspaper clippings or court records.

We would also like to have the outcome of any legal action for our file. This would strengthen our reasons for refusing registrations in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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JUL 30 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

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Sagamore Council, P.O. Box 865  
518 N. Main Street  
Kokomo, IN 46903.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

July 6, 1990

Mr. Thomas E. Van Tyle

[REDACTED]  
Russiaville, IN 46979

Dear Mr. Van Tyle:

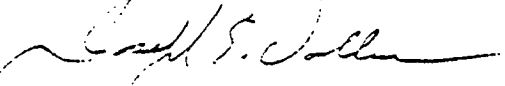
After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

I would ask that you turn in all [REDACTED] records, monies, equipment, and materials in your possession to me at the Scout Service Center at the earliest opportunity.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend and refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph E. Vollmer  
Scout Executive

JEV:mna

Enclosure

PARTICIPATING AGENCY OF YOUR UNITED WAY



United Way

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*Change in Position*

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# ADULT APPLICATION

**UNIT SCOUTERS**

Check one

Pack No. \_\_\_\_\_

Troop No. 519

Team No. \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Ship No. \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS**

Council/District position

Arrowhead

District name

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making four copies.

First name and initial: THOMAS

Last name: VAN DYKE

Social Security number (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address—street or R.F.D.

\_\_\_\_\_

Additional address information (if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_

City: RUSSELLVILLE State: IN ZIP code: 46979

*A-10965 SA*

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: 103164

Month Day Year

Training (see cover)

Position Code (see cover)

SM

Occupation, employer, and business address

\_\_\_\_\_

New leader

Transfer

Former leader

Sex  M  F

U.S. citizen  Yes  No

Driver's license No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting background

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Ex: \_\_\_\_\_ working with youth in other organizations?

Previous residences (for last 5 years)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Current memberships (religious, community, business, labor, or professional organizations)

\_\_\_\_\_

References: Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth. References will be checked when necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Additional information.**
- Do you use illegal drugs? Yes No
  - Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (If yes, explain below.) Yes No
  - Have you ever been charged with child neglect or abuse? Yes No
  - Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? (If yes, explain below.) Yes No
  - Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of young people? (If yes, explain below.) Yes No

I understand that:

- The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless the chartered organization, local council, Boy Scouts of America, and the officers, employees, and volunteers thereof.
- In signing this application, I affirm that the information I have given is true and correct.

*X Thomas Van Dyke*

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVALS FOR UNIT SCOUTERS**

To the best of our knowledge, this applicant meets the leadership standards of the Boy Scouts of America:

Signature of unit committee chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew Towler SR*

Signature of chartered organization head or chartered organization representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/6/89

*Sandra Fisher*

Signature of Scout executive or designee \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4-11-89

**APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS**

To the best of my knowledge, this applicant meets the leadership standards of the Boy Scouts of America:

Signature of Scout executive or designee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit fee \_\_\_\_\_ Boys Life fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Term (months) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit renewal date \_\_\_\_\_

Month Year

**FOR COUNCIL USE**

Transfer from: \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_ Nat'l unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished by paying \$1 for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

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COUNCIL #

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CALLER:

JOE VOLLMER

POSITION:

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& UNIT #

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Paul Ford

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 162 Date 7-2-90

Full name Thomas E. Van Tyle

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Russiaville State Indiana ZIP Code 46979

Date of Birth 10-31-64

Approximate age 26 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

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

Occupation Maintenance - Ramada Inn - Kokomo

Education 12th grade

Weight 155 Height 5'9" Race White

Color of hair Black Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

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

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections: Chartered organization New London Friends Church

Unit No. T519 City Russiaville State IN Position MC Date registered \_\_\_\_\_ Date resigned \_\_\_\_\_

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Child Abuse

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):

Signed Joseph E. Collins  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Sagamore #162