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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE May 24, 1984

FULL NAME John Sileo SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)
 ADDRESS 168 Bloomfield Ave.
 CITY Nutley STATE New Jersey ZIP CODE 07110
 DATE OF BIRTH 5/61 (This is important and should be exact)
 APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)
 RELIGION Roman Catholic NATIONALITY Italian
 OCCUPATION Student / Special Worksho
 EDUCATION Grammar School/Special Ed.
 WEIGHT 150 Lbs. HEIGHT 5' 7" RACE Caucasian
 COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Blue
 OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Nervous, Hyperactive
 MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)
 NAME OF SPOUSE ----

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-159	Nutley	N.J.	Scout	N.A.	9/80
F-145	Nutley	N.J.	M.C.	4/81	10/82
SPECIAL RECOGNITION		Life Scout, Ad Altare Dei			

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Indicted by an Essex County grand jury. See attached News article for details.

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):

NOTED

Signed Denise A. Heenan
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

STARON

SEP 02 1984

Council Tamarack #333

MAY 25 1984

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

RS-509
4/14/83-nah

SEP 4 1986

September 4, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: John Sileo

Dear Charlie:

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: Northeast Region

CONF001464

DYKES_I_001454



*Change
the files*

June 5, 1986

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Services
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

RE: Michael J. Abidiwan and
John Sileo

Dear Paul:

Sorry for the delay in obtaining these conviction records concerning the two above mentioned persons.

I finally imposed on our County Sheriff D'Alessio to open the court clerk's office to me to obtain your requested information.

This should enable you to close the files. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Dante
John J. Dante
Field Director

JJD:cw

Enclosures 5

cc: Charles D. Ball



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
v.
IN SILEO

JAIL
JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION

NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT OF ESSEX COUNTY
LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL
S.B.I. NO. #851337A
DATE OF ARREST 11/7/83

DEFENDANT

indicted Indictment
defendant on 6/7/84 was ~~convicted~~ or ~~convicted~~ # 1832-6-84 . The defendant on 9/20/84
entered a plea of NOT GUILTY/GUILTY to the Indictment/~~conviction~~ for the crime(s) of:
(. #1) THIRD DEGREE TERRORISTIC THREAT 2C:12-3;
(S. #2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) THIRD DEGREE ENDANGERING WELFARE OF A CHILD 2C:24-4;
(S. #10,11,12,13,14) SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT 2C:14-2;

the defendant having on DECEMBER 10, 1984

RETRACTED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY AND ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY TO: (CTS. #9,10,14)
~~PLEA OF NOT GUILTY~~ ~~PLEA OF GUILTY~~ NOTE: (CT. #9 SENTENCED AS
~~FOURTH DEGREE ENDANGERING WELFARE OF CHILD (A LESSE)~~ ~~INCLD OFFENSE OF~~ ~~THIRD DEGREE ENDANGERING~~ ~~WELFARE OF CHILD)~~

and, therefore, on APRIL 19, 1985 Ordered and Adjudged that the defendant be and is sentenced

- *****-DEFENDANT DOES FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE SEX OFFENDER ACT 2C:47-3; *****
- (. #9) ESSEX COUNTY JAIL ANNEX TWELVE (12) MONTHS. PENALTY TWENTY FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS.
- (. #10) COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS AND UNTIL RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. TO BE SERVED CONCURRENTLY WITH (CT. #9) OF IND. #1832-6-84. PENALTY TWENTY FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS. ORDERED THAT SENTENCE BE SERVED AT ADULT DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTER AT AVENEL, NEW JERSEY UNDER A PROGRAM OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR DEFENDANT'S MENTAL CONDITION.
- (. #14) COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THE TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS AND UNTIL RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. TO BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY TO (CT. #10) OF IND. #1832-6-84. PENALTY TWENTY FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS. TOTAL PENALTY SEVENTY FIVE (\$75.00) DOLLARS. ORDERED THAT SENTENCE BE SERVED AT ADULT DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTER AT AVENEL, NEW JERSEY UNDER A PROGRAM OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR DEFENDANT'S MENTAL CONDITION. RECOMMEND DEFENDANT BE AFFORDED BENEFIT OF

FINISHED ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)
Penalty of \$25.00 is imposed on each count on which the defendant was convicted unless the box indicates a higher penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C 4j-3.1.

penalty imposed on count(s) _____ is \$ _____ respectively
Fine \$ _____, Total Restitution \$ _____, Total VCCB Penalty \$ 75.00

allment payments if applicable, are due at the rate of \$ _____ per _____
REASON OF REASON REQUIRED BY R.3:21-4(e) APPEARS ON THE REVERSE SIDE

ALEXANDER DEFENDANT TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR TIME SPENT
IN CUSTODY PURSUANT TO R. 3:21-8
FROM 11/7/83
TO _____
DAYS CREDIT 530

AURINO HON. FELIX A. MARTINO, PRESIDING JUDGE
CLERK
AGNUSSON COUNTY CLERK
DATE 4/19/85
cp

Form No. LR-34 1/78 Rev. 2/81
Probation Office, AOC Sentencing Research Project
Department of Corrections (where defendant sentenced to State correctional institution)

(CONT'D FROM REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM (CT.#14)

ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION AND DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS WHILE SERVING SENTENCE.

FOR DISMISSAL#1832-6-84-(CTS.#1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,)

DISMISSED ON MOTION OF THE PROSECUTOR PURSUANT TO PLEA AGREEMENT OF 12/10/84.....

STATEMENT OF REASONS, R. 3-21-4

1. That the defendant should be punished for the serious crimes he committed.
2. That sufficient punishment should be imposed upon the defendant, to demonstrate to the general public, what is in store for those members of our society, who resort to such criminal conduct in the future, as the defendant did in this case.
3. That sufficient punishment should be imposed upon the defendant, to demonstrate to said defendant, what is in store for him, should he continue to resort to such criminal conduct in the future, as he did in this case.
4. That the defendant either knew, or should have known, the vulnerability of the victims, while he was committing the crimes in question.
5. I find that a lesser sentence, than a custodial sentence, for the defendant's criminal conduct in this case, would depreciate the seriousness of the crime the defendant committed in this case.
6. I find that the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center has determined that the defendant falls within the purview of the New Jersey Sex Offender Act, in that the defendant's conduct in this case was characterized by a pattern of repetitive compulsive behavior.
7. I find that based upon the defendant's criminal conduct in this matter, and everything else that is before me, that the defendant is in need of a program of specialized treatment for his mental condition, and that such treatment can only be provided effectively to him, by a substantial custodial commitment, to the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center at Avenel.
8. I find that based upon the defendant's criminal conduct in this matter, and everything else that is before me, that there would be an undue risk to the public, if the defendant were permitted to remain in society, without first undergoing a program of specialized treatment for his mental condition in that the defendant would continue to commit the type of crime in the future, that he committed in this case.
9. That the defendant should be punished by the imposition of consecutive sentences, separate for each of those victims, the defendant committed crimes against in this matter.
10. I find and I am clearly convinced that in giving due regard to both the aggravating factors and the mitigating factors that may exist in this matter, that the aggravating factors, as just enumerated, are not substantially outweighed by the mitigating factors, in favor of a non-custodial sentence, for the crimes in question.

4/19/85

DATE


JUDGE

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POST NO.
SHIP NO.

DISTRICT NO. 2

ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD,
MAKING THREE COPIES.

JOHN J SILEO

DATE OF BIRTH 5 6 61
MO. DAY YR. POSITION CA
UNIT CODE

PRINT FIRST NAME FIRST—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN
FIRST NAME, INITIAL, AND LAST NAME

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

168 BLOOMFIELD AVE
COLLEGE SCOUTER RESERVE - USE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AT COLLEGE.

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

NEW LEADER

FORMER LEADER

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

SEX

AGE

NUTLEY

NJ

07110

M

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667-9061
HOME PHONE

2/3/82
DATE

Scout CO - ADULT
PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND

BERGEN
COUNCIL
SIGNATURE-SEE COVER

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

REGISTRATION FEE BOYS' LIFE FEE TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT EXPIRATION DATE
MONTH YEAR

\$ 4.00

\$

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10 82

APPROVAL-SEE COVER

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE

ROUTE SHEET

REGISTRATION AND BOYS' LIFE

Members 100 \$
Leaders 8 \$
Boys' Life 20 \$
TOTAL

Receipt No. 1869 Date

ATTACH ROUTE SHEET TO APPL

LAST YEAR
THIS YEAR
NET CHANGE

PROCESS ITEMS IN ORDER LIST

1. Full name of sponsor
2. Signature of ex-applicant.
3. Full names and
4. Boys' Life subs
5. Expiration and attached.
6. Check unit exp and fees.
7. Check council,
8. Additional reg
9. Address cards
10. Changes poste

April 3, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Michael J. Abidiwan and
John Sileo

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for dropping me a note concerning the above-named individuals. I am sure you were most confused in getting this letter so let me give you a little explanation.

These individuals both lived in Nutley and were involved in scouting with Council 333. This all took place before the council merger was completed.

These individuals have been charged with sex offenses and we would like to know the outcome of any legal action which took place. It would be very helpful to us to determine if sentencing took place and what the sentencing involved. The original cases started in 1983 and there was communication with the council during '83 and '84.

If you can help us with this, we would most appreciate it so we can close our files.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE

APR 3 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

CONF001469

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probably should not
have used same letter that
was dictated to CO 333.

SE in 336 is a little
confused and I really
can not blame him.

Clair

3/27/86

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SCOUTING/USA

A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096
Telephone: 214-659-2000

March 13, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Charlie:

This is a follow-up to communications which we had quite sometime ago. These related to Michael J. Abidiwan and John Sileo. These individuals were indicted by the Grand Jury for some sexual offenses and we now need to know the outcome of any legal action.

Please tell us if these cases have come to trial and the outcome. We would like to know the sentencing if such took place. This will help to strengthen our file and make certain we can refuse registration attempts from any location in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

*Paul
I think you have
the wrong Council
Charlie Ball*

F. STARON

MAR 27 1986

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March 13, 1986

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Scout Executive
Essex Council, No. 336

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Charlie:

This is a follow-up to communications which we had quite sometime ago. These related to Michael J. Abidiwan and John Sileo. These individuals were indicted by the Grand Jury for some sexual offenses and we now need to know the outcome of any legal action.

Please tell us if these cases have come to trial and the outcome. We would like to know the sentencing if such took place. This will help to strengthen our file and make certain we can refuse registration attempts from any location in the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE

MAR 17 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

CONF001472

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TAMARACK COUNCIL

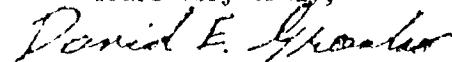
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA • c/o Sacred Heart School, 622 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, N. J. 07071 • (201) 438-3046

June 18, 1984

Paul:

Enclosed please find information requested.

Yours very truly,



David E. Greenlaw

DEG:lb

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Essex Edition

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Friday, June 8, 1984 • Section B

Jury indicts 2 men in Nutley sex cult case

By Carey Londner
Of The Herald-News

Two Nutley men, who authorities say were connected to a satanic cult involving sex with township boys, were indicted Thursday by an Essex County grand jury.

John Sileo, 23, of Bloomfield Avenue, and his friend Michael Abidiwan, 19, of Beech Street were charged in a 14-count in-

dictment with endangering the welfare of children and aggravated sexual assault. Sileo also was charged with making terroristic threats.

Sileo is in Essex County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail. Abidiwan is free on bail.

Police charged them with sexual assault on four Nutley boys, ages 9 to 15, after their arrest last November. Sileo, identified as

the cult leader, is charged with threatening a girl who witnessed some of the sexual episodes, according to Essex County Assistant Prosecutor Martin Lieb.

Authorities said the pair used Sileo's apartment, where the boys were whipped, chained, had wax burned upon their bodies and were forced to act like dogs, wearing collars and lapping milk from bowls.

Police said they found several guns licensed to Sileo in the apartment, handcuffs, chains, whips, a dog collar, red and black capes, a rubber mask with horns, sexually oriented material, plastic skulls bearing candles, a satanic bible and a book called "The Mark of Lucifer."

The youths were lured into the group through Sileo's position as

a Boy Scout and community leader, police said.

Police said drugs and alcohol were also used in the recruiting effort. They said the cult operated for two years and wasn't discovered until last November when the parents of some of the children learned what was happening and reported it.

Nutley Police Capt. Donald Casciano said that about seven or

eight youths gave statements once the cult was broken.

Lieb said he expects no more arrests of cult members in Essex County, although the investigation is continuing there. However, he said there may be other similar groups in New York City and elsewhere in the country.

Both men could spend life in prison if convicted of all charges.

June 8, 1984

Mr. David E. Greenlaw
Scout Executive
Tamarack Council, No. 333

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECTS: John Sileo and Michael Abidiwan

Dear David:

For several months I have written you concerning the above named individuals. We have asked that Confidential Record sheets be sent to us so that we would have information which would enable us to identify the individuals should they try to register with the Boy Scouts of America. To date we have not had any response.

If it is felt that these individuals could be a danger to youths with whom they are associated, then we certainly should place them on our Confidential File and refuse registration. I need more information from you in order to do this.

I hope you will contact me if you have any questions. We would like Confidential Record sheets and also a standing of any legal action which may be taking place.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE
JUN 11 1984
DAWN HARDELL

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April 27, 1984

Mr. David E. Greenlaw
Scout Executive
Tamarack Council, No. 333

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECTS: John Sileo and Michael Abidiwan

Dear David:

We previously had some correspondence concerning the above listed individuals. We are sending confidential record sheets which we would like to have completed. This material is very necessary if we are to identify the two individuals and refuse registration anywhere they might happen to move.

We would also like to know if trials have taken place related to these charges. The disposition of the case including any sentencing is most helpful in strengthening our refusal of registration.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to call me on our WATS line.

Sincerely,

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

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Attachments

cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE

APR 27 1984

SANDRA DEMPSEY

CONF001476

DYKES_I_001466

February 29, 1984

Mr. David E. Greenlaw
Scout Executive
Tamarack Council, No. 333

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECTS: John Sileo and Michael Abidiwan

Dear David:

Last fall we received some information from you concerning two individuals. Their names are John Sileo and Michael Abidiwan.

We have not heard from you recently concerning this and wonder if any further developments have occurred. We would like to have anything which you now have so that we can process these particular cases and refuse registration.

Confidential record sheets are being enclosed so that you may complete them. This will help us to identify the individuals should they try to register anywhere else.

We shall look forward to hearing from you when any trials have been completed.

Sincerely,

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

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Attachments

cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE
FEB 29 1984
DAWN HARDELL

CONF001477

DYKES_I_001467

January 16, 1984

Mr. David E. Greenlaw
Scout Executive
Tamarack Council, No. 333

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear David:

On November 18 you sent me a letter concerning two individuals about which there was some question. It seems that they were arrested related to their involvement in some sex offenses.

Please let me know if further developments have occurred related to the case against John Sileo and Michael Abidiwan.

If these individuals have been brought to trial we need to know the outcome of this legal matter. We would also like for you to complete the confidential record sheets which we are enclosing at this time. This will enable us to identify these men if they try to register in some other location.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure

cc: Ben H. Love, Regional Director, Northeast Region

READY TO FILE

JAN 16 1984

SANDRA JEMPSEY

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TAMARACK COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA • c/o Sacred Heart School, 622 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, N. J. 07071 • (201) 433-3046

November 18, 1983

Mr. John J. Sileo
168 Bloomfield Ave.
Nutley, NJ 07110

Dear John:


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 the 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 the 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 yours,

George B. Hallock
Council President


David E. Greenlaw
Scout Executive

cc: Registration Office, National Council.

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Bloomfield, Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Nutley, Rutherford, Wood-Ridge
Member agency of Bergen United Way, Bloomfield United Way, United Way of Essex and West Hudson and Rutherford Community Chest

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TAMARACK COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA • c/o Sacred Heart School, 622 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, N. J. 07071 • (201) 438-3046

November 18, 1983

Director of Registration,
Subscription & Statistical Service
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75052-1296

Gentlemen:

The enclosed news article refers to Mr. John Sileo, 168 Bloomfield Ave., Nutley, NJ 07110, Birthday May 1961, formerly registered as a Den Assistant in Pack 145, sponsored by Radcliff School PTA, Nutley, from October 1980 to October 1981.

Mr. Sileo has been denied registration locally due to a Neurological Impairment which causes difficulty in relating and functioning as an Adult Leader. We did not and could not find any indication of moral problems as indicated in this article. Pack 145 registered him as an Assistant; however, soon after registration, did not allow him to continue in their activities. His problems were reviewed with the Nutley Family Services Agency over the past 3½ years and we have avoided registering him except for this aforementioned period since he was a Scout in Troop 159, a Troop for the mentally handicapped, when he was under 18 years of age.

Michael Abidiwan is an Eagle Scout as of July 29, 1982, and is currently registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 147, sponsored by Franklin Reformed Church, Nutley, N.J. until February 1984.

I have informed their Troop Leaders and Church Pastor that we are suspending his membership and requesting his membership card and Eagle credentials and badge be returned.

The Detective in charge of this case will furnish additional information including both men's description in the first week of December and I will forward the full report to you at that time.

Bloomfield, Corstadt, East Rutherford, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Nutley, Rutherford, Woodbridge
Member agency of Bergen United Way, Bloomfield United Way, United Way of Essex and West Hudson, and Rutherford Community Chest

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Dir. of Registration,
Subscription & Statistical Svc.

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November 18, 1983

The story has appeared in the Star Ledger, Newark, N.J.
and on Channel 4, WNBC-TV and Channel 7, WABC-TV, New York Net-
work evening and 11 PM news programs.

Very truly yours,



David E. Greenalw
Scout Executive

Enclosure

cc: George B. Hallock,
Council President
Barclay Bollas, National Office

DEC:ak

CONF001481

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Nutley cultist facing new sex charges

Further charges will be filed against a 22-year-old man arrested last week in connection with a devil-worshipping sex cult involving at least 35 teenagers, Nutley police said yesterday.

"At this point, this is far from over," Acting Police Chief Robert DeLitta said.

John Sileo of 168 Bloomfield Ave. was arrested after police raided his home and confiscated various drug paraphernalia and sexually oriented material, DeLitta said. Also taken from Sileo's residence were three rifles and two handguns, which police said Sileo legally possessed.

Sileo was charged with three sex offenses and is being held in the Essex County Jail, Newark, in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

As investigation into Sileo's activities was started three weeks ago when some of the parents of the teenaged victims complained to police, DeLitta said.

Sileo lured his victims, who ranged from 15 to 17, with drugs and alcohol, said Det. Sgt. John Holland, in charge of the investigation.

"I realized we were becoming a cult," Holland quoted one of the female victims as telling him. He said Sileo apparently used a form of devil worship as an initiation ritual. Found in Sileo's home was a crimson-colored robe and a pair of horns, Holland said.

Sileo had been involved with the Boy Scouts in Nutley and been associated with other civic organizations, Holland said.



NEWS ALERT

Date: 11/17/83
Time: A.M.

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

- IS
- CSE
- Admin.
- Ops.
- Legal
- Comm.
- Pers.
- PR

Source: George Hallock, Tamarack Council President Telephone: (201) 235-2954 (work)
(Name and Title) (201) 338-4544 (home)

Address: _____

The facts: John Sileo, 22, Nutley, NJ arrested 11/16/83 on 3 "sex offense" charges stemming from an alleged satonic cult operating in Nutley area and involving some 35 boys and girls age 15, 16 and 17. Drugs, alcohol, weapons, and an array of sexual material allegedly involved. Sileo WAS assistant cubmaster Pack 145, Radcliffe School, Nutley, through Oct. 1982. NOT NOW REGISTERED.

Michael Abidiwan, 19, Eagle Scout, CURRENTLY registered ASM Troop 147, Franklin Reformed Church, Nutley, involved. Extent, details of his involvement not immediately known. Council is processing Standards of Leadership removal papers today.

One of the above is being pictured on NY area tv, from a print, in his Scout uniform.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Council president advised of usual procedures and asked to forward any printed material to national communications. Advised to point out that Sileo is NOT registered with BSA and that Abidiwan is being removed.

Signed: Barc Bollas
Ext: 2271

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