

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 8/30/89

FULL NAME Harold Hotchkiss (Lee)  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Ossining STATE New York ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH (45) DOB-10/25/43 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 45 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Presbyterian NATIONALITY (Citizen of)

OCCUPATION Computer Expert/ IBM

EDUCATION

WEIGHT 180 HEIGHT 6'1" RACE Cauc.

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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
Chartered Organization <u></u>					

Chartered Organization

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

INCIDENT: TYPE	DATE OF INCIDENT	RESOLUTION
Type		Resolution
1=Scout Related		1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
2=Non-scout related		2. Criminal action
3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)		3. Court action
		4. Probationary status
		5. Reported to state agency

- Check off list of attached documentation
- Description of incident
  - Victim(s) statement
  - media reports
  - Legal proceedings
  - Offender's statement
  - Official notification of termination
  - Found guilty/innocent by court

**NOTED**  
**FEB 01 1991**

**JOSEPH L ANGLIM**

Accused of performing anal and oral sodomy on children ages 7-17 and directing sex acts between them, some of which were photographed for distribution as pornography

Council Westcester-Putnam #388 Signed Registration/National

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONFIDENTIAL

AUG 30 1989

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CONF016253

February 4, 1991

Mr. P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive  
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD LEE HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

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: Charles D. Ball, Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE  
FEB 05 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF016254



WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, INC. • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1000 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605-3198 (914) 949-6180

December 21, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Office  
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

In answer to your letter of December 13, 1990 regarding Harold Hotchkiss, we have just obtained the following information. Mr. Hotchkiss plead guilty to numerous charges (sodomy, assault, endangerment, etc.) and was sentenced to 20-60 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 20 years.

I hope this information will complete your file on the case. If you need any further information, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Paul Nardone".

P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive

PPN/mp

CONF016255

DEC 14 1990

A. GRAVES

December 13, 1990

Mr. P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive  
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 358

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

I hate to bother you again, but wondered if any legal action has now taken place. It has been over a year since the original charges were placed, and I would hope the legal action has now been completed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016256

September 13, 1990

Mr. P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive  
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

You indicated in earlier correspondence that the evidence was quite strong against Mr. Hotchkiss. I would like to know if the legal action has now been completed.

We would like newspaper clippings, court records, or other materials that would substantiate the legal action. Please send us this, so that we can make certain that we have a complete file, which will enable us to refuse registration anywhere in the country.

Thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016257



WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, INC. • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1000 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605-5198 (914) 949-6180

April 11, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Sorry for the delay in responding to your letter of follow-up on Harold Hotchkiss. Mr. Hotchkiss, according to the Assistant District Attorney handling the case, will either

- 1) Plead guilty to about 20 charges.
- 2) Go to court. If he decides to fight the charges, it will not come up until late summer or early fall.

The Assistant D.A. said the evidence of his guilt is extremely strong and feels that Mr. Hotchkiss will most probably plead guilty. He should be incarcerated for quite a while.

I hope this information is helpful. I will let you know when the legal action is fully completed. If he pleads guilty he will do so most likely within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Paul Nardone".

P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive

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CONF016258

PAUL HARRIS, SE

4-12-90

HITCHKISS - WILL PLEAD GUILTY  
IN NEXT MONTH - MANY COUNTS.

4-12-90

HANK TCHORNE

[REDACTED] - FATHER CLAIMS  
BOY INJURED BY ROPE - NO INDICATED  
MARKS - COUNCIL WANTS REINSTAT.  
INFO COMING TO REVIEW - SEND  
LTR IF AGREE.

Paul Harris

April 5, 1990

READY FOR FILE

APR 05 1990

JULIE FIELDER

Mr. P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive  
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 333

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD LEE HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

I hate to bother you again, but I would like to know the outcome of the legal action related to the above named individual. He was originally arrested sometime in August of 1989, and we thought perhaps the legal action had been completed. The outcome of this would be most helpful in completing our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

cc: Northeast Region

CONF016260



READY FOR FILE

JAN 17 1990

A. GRAVES

January 18, 1990

Mr. P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive  
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harold Lee Hotchkiss

Dear Paul:

This is just a follow up concerning the above named individual. We would like to have any further newspaper clippings or other material related to this situation.

If the trial has been completed, we would like the outcome and any sentencing which may have been imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016261

READY FOR FILE

AUG 31 1989

A. GRAVES

August 30, 1989

Mr. P. Paul Mardone  
Scout Executive  
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harold Lee Hotchkiss

Dear Paul:

Thanks so much for the material sent concerning the above named individual. This is most complete and will enable us to start a file which will lead to refusal of registration at anytime in the future.

We would like the outcome of the legal action, as this will strengthen our files. Please send this to us when this case is completed.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

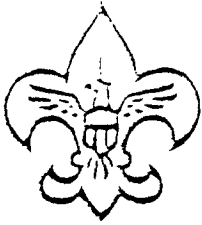
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016262



WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, INC.  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1000 NORTH STREET • WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10605-5193 • 914-949-6180

August 21, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

I am writing to you about Harold (Lee) Hotchkiss (see enclosed article). I have been told by the Westchester County D.A.'s office that he may have been involved in Scouting some time ago. Also, a reporter from the local newspaper has called me saying they were told he had a Scouting involvement. I have checked all our current records and he is not currently registered. Additionally, I have checked past records of Units in the towns of White Plains, Ossining, Peekskill and Cortlandt and his name does not appear in our records. All the D.A.'s office would say was that he may have been involved with a Presbyterian Church.

I do not have a street address, but he lives in Ossining. His social security number is [REDACTED] and his date of birth is 10/25/43. He is a white male with brown hair and brown eyes, stands 6'1" and weighs about 180 lbs. His weight is as of several years ago and may have changed.

I do believe he should be added to our confidential file. If I receive any more information, I will forward it to you.

Warmest regards,

*P. Paul Nardone*  
P. Paul Nardone  
Scout Executive

*Added to CF file  
Show me registration  
at this time.  
8/28/89  
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P.S. I received these additional articles today from a volunteer.

Enclosure

PPN/mp



# Man accused of torturing, abusing boys

## Ossining suspect pleads innocent to 209 counts

By Deborah Pines

Staff Writer

An 45-year-old Ossining man was arraigned yesterday on a 209-count indictment alleging that for nearly five years he sodomized, sexually abused, tortured and photographed for pornography 10 Westchester boys, aged 7 to 17.

Harold Hotchkiss, a 24-year employee of IBM, trembled as the charges were read and he entered pleas of innocent to all of them before Westchester County Court Judge Kenneth H. Lange in White Plains.

Lange then accepted a motion by Hotchkiss' attorney, Frank Silverstein of White Plains, that Hotchkiss undergo psychiatric tests at Westchester County Jail in Valhalla to determine if he is competent to stand trial. No bail was set.

In an inch-thick indictment, Hotchkiss is accused of performing anal and oral sodomy on children and directing sex acts between them.

He is also accused of various acts of sexual torture and photographing and recording some of the encounters for distri-



Stan Gitner

Harold Hotchkiss is led out of the state police barracks in Peekskill yesterday by Investigator Albert Swansen, right, and Trooper Raymond Ortiz, rear. Hotchkiss is accused of distribution as pornography.

If convicted of all of the charges, Hotchkiss faces hundreds of years in prison.

# D.A. says sex-abuse suspect knew kids' parents

By Deborah Pines  
and Patrick Dilger  
Staff Writer

An Ossining man accused of sexually molesting and torturing 10 Westchester boys in the past five years found his victims among his friends' children, an assistant district attorney said yesterday.

Jeanine Pirro, head of Westchester County's Child Abuse and Domestic Violence bureau, said the molested children, boys ages 7 to 17, called Harold Lee Hotchkiss "Uncle Hal." But she would not say how the children came to be involved in the sexual acts. The crimes were reported by a parent in March, Pirro said.

Meanwhile, State Trooper Albert Swansen, an investigating officer, urged any other child who had been involved with Hotchkiss to call police.

Hotchkiss, 45, a 24-year IBM employee and a computer expert, was charged Wednesday with 209 counts of sodomizing, sexually abusing, torturing and photographing the boys for pornography. He pleaded innocent during his arraignment Wednesday.

Westchester District Attorney Carl A. Vergari called the case one of the "most sho

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pany of the Chesapeake & Potomac  
Virginia, West Virginia and the  
District of Columbia, as well as  
telephone companies in Pennsylvania,  
New Jersey and Delaware.  
CWA represents 41,000 Bell Atlantic  
employees.  
Local issues in each of the  
cases still must be resolved before  
a final contract agreement can be  
reached. CWA officials said yesterday  
that each local company has  
five days to try to resolve remaining  
contract issues. If agreement  
can be reached within that period,  
union members will return to work  
pending ratification, the union  
said.

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1989

# JENKINS AND HYDE

## IBM exec's Boy Scout pose in child-sex case

By BILL HOFFMANN  
Accused child sex torturer Harold Hotchkiss passed himself off as a Boy Scout leader to keep his alleged lifestyle a secret from the world, The Post has learned.

The longtime IBM executive was often seen with "clean-cut young boys" whom he'd offer candy bars and eggs to secluded areas near his home, his Westchester neighbors said yesterday.

Whenever they'd quit the 46-year-old bachelor about it, he'd boast about "his dedication" to kids.

"I'd see him walking around with one or two boys at a time," said Hugh Maguire, a neighbor and friend of the Crossroads Apartments in Peekskill, where Hotchkiss lived last year.

"He told me he was a Boy Scout master and did lots of work with kids, taking them on outings. I had no reason to disbelieve him. But now, I'm sickened."

"He's a real-life Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," said an indolent Hotchkiss neighbor.

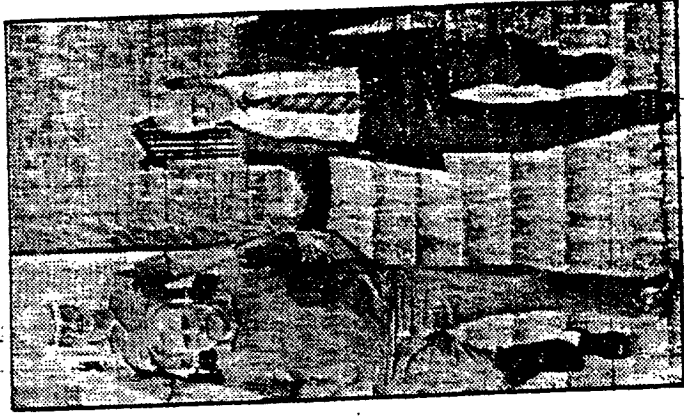
Wednesday for allegedly sodomizing and torturing 10 boys since 1984, photographing them and audio-taping their screams of pain in several northern-Westchester towns.

Incredibly though, no one had the slightest notion Hotchkiss was anything but "a regular guy."

He hunted and fished and was often seen going off with shotgun and fishing rod for a weekend in the woods, neighbors said.

"He really fit into the normal scheme of things around here. He dressed nicely and said he was in the Elks Club. There was nothing strange," said his neighbor, Dr. Elliott Pine.

"He was so professional and came with high recommendations — the perfect tenant, really."



Stan Gliner  
**IN CUSTODY:** Harold Hotchkiss is led away in handcuffs after arrest.