

# Donald Leonard Keys

Donald Leonard Keys (born March 1945) is a former assistant scoutmaster in St. Paul, Minnesota, who has been convicted twice since 1970 for sex crimes involving child victims, and is currently serving time in federal prison.

In 1970, Keys - then living in St. Paul and a registered assistant scoutmaster of Troop 18 in St. Paul (District # 7, Indianhead Council) - was arrested in Ramsey County, Minnesota, on charges of kidnapping and attempted sodomy. According to court records, in July 1970, Keys posed as a police officer, lured a 17-year-old boy off the street and into his car, drove the boy to a field and attempted to sodomize him. Keys was then 25. In 1971, Keys pleaded guilty to the attempted sodomy charge and was sentenced to one year in the county workhouse. Keys told the court that he had done substantially similar acts with a younger boy on June 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> 1970.

According to Boy Scouts records, Keys worked during several summer camp seasons as a skills director, counselor and camp commissioner. He was in the military prior to becoming an assistant scoutmaster with Troop 18. While based in Seattle, Washington, with the U.S. Army, Keys volunteered with Boy Scouts as part of his Army assignment. As a result of the 1970 incident, Keys was placed in the Boy Scouts' [Confidential Files](#), making him an ineligible Boy Scout volunteer.

Subsequently, Keys became a licensed social worker in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was issued a Minnesota social worker license in 1990. He was issued a Wisconsin professional counselor license in 1993, and a Wisconsin clinical social worker license in 1994.

On June 17, 2004, a federal jury convicted Keys of producing and possessing child pornography. Keys was arrested and charged in 2003 after law enforcement officials executed a search warrant on Keys' St. Paul home. According to the charges:

The search turned up floppy discs containing pornographic pictures of a 16-year-old boy and Keys. Keys used various aliases and screen names in internet chat rooms to get young males interested in him, and once he met a young male, Keys would suggest that the young male meet his "older friend," who was actually Keys. Keys met the 16-year-old, who Keys knew to be a minor, that way. Keys took the boy to his home and took pictures of the two of having sex.

In December 2004, Keys was sentenced to 180 months in prison on the production charge, and 120 months on the possession charge. He is currently incarcerated in a federal prison in Texarkana, Texas. Largely as a result of his two convictions, Keys' Minnesota and Wisconsin social worker and counselor licenses were revoked in 2004-05.

Keys is believed to have resided in St. Paul (Ramsey County) Minnesota, and Maplewood (Ramsey County) Minnesota.

If you were abused by Donald Leonard Keys or someone associated with the Boy Scout of America, we want to help you. If you call us you will have an opportunity to speak to an experienced sexual abuse lawyer to discuss an action for compensation and justice. We also want you to know that if you decide to take action your privacy will be respected and your confidentiality will be a paramount concern throughout the entire process.