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DATE February 5, 1987

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February 4, 1987

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director. Registration and Statistical Service National Council, B.S.A. 1325 Walnut Hill Lane Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

It was not possible to reply to your letter of December 5, 1986 until late this past week due to lack of any "real" evidence concerning Mr. Joseph A. Cousins. You can see by the enclosed newspaper articles that Mr. Cousins pleaded guilty to charges of sodomy and will be sentenced on February 27, 1987.

Several attempts were made to secure written evidence about Mr. Cousins through the local office of the New York State Police, who conducted the investigation but to no avail. Scouting has fared rather well with no worse publicity than that appearing in the Schenectady newspaper -no telephone calls from the newspaper, radio or television stations.

I trust the enclosed will help create a file on Mr. Cousins and prohibit his registration with the Boy Scouts of America. By the way, Cub Pack 563 in District #2 wanted to register Mr. Cousins as a member of the committee. Obviously, he was deleted from the charter.

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Scout Executive

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# Man gets prison in knife attack

Two men were sentenced and two others pleaded guilty during appearances before Albany County Judge John Turner.

Albert Winn Jr., 41, of 297 Northern Boulevard, Albany, was sentenced as a second felony offender to 2 to 4 years in state prison. He was convicted of second-degree assault after a jury trial for the June 8 knifing of another man.

Also sentenced Wednesday by Turner was John M. Flood, 27, of 75 Rapple Drive, Albany.

Flood was placed on three years' probation and sentenced to 30 days in the Albany County Jail on his earlier guilty plea to seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Flood admitted he had a quantity of marijuana in his home on Feb. 11.

Todd McElhiney, 22, of 53 N. Jay St., Schenectady, will be sentenced March 26 after pleading guilty Wednesday to two counts of second-degree burglary.

Joseph Cousins, 30, of Aspin Road, Colonie, will be sentenced Feb. 27 on his guilty plea to third-degree sodomy.

He admitted to having deviate intercourse with a 15-year-old boy at the Aspin Road address on Oct. 10.

# Ex-Scout Head Pleads Guilty To Sex Charge

ALBANY — Joseph A. Cousins, a former Colonie Boy Scout leader accused of sexually molesting a 15-year-old scout in his troop, waived indictment yesterday and pleaded guilty to third-degree sodomy in Albany County Court.

His plea bargain calls for a jail term of 60 days and five years probation when he is sentenced on Feb. 27. according to Assistant District Attorney Paul DerOhannesian II. The charge carries a maximum penaity of 1% to four years in prison.

Cousins, 30, admitted engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with the boy at about 11 p.m. last Oct. 10 at his home on Aspin Road. The boy had also reported that a similar incident occurred in September.

In a stabbing case, 41-year-old Albert Winn Jr. was sentenced to two to four years in prison by County Judge John G. Turner Jr.

Winn, of Northern Boulevard, was convicted of second-degree assault in a jury trial last month.

He had been indicted on a charge of firstdegree assault after allegedly cutting a man's throat during a fight outside a bar at Delaware and Elizabeth streets on June 3.

In a marijuana case. 27-year-old John M. Flood was sentenced by Turner to 30 days in jail and three years probation on his guilty plea to seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Flood, of Rapple Drive in Colonie, had been accused of selling more than four ounces of marijuana to a minor and to an undercover officer on Feb. 11.

In another case, a 22-year-old Schenectady man pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree burglary.

Todd Michael McElhiney, of North Jay Street, admitted breaking into two Colonie homes last November.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on March

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# Albany man guilty on 2 counts in burglary case

By Shirley Armstrong

alerted by a neighbor, was convicted by an Albany County Court jury of a police officer who had been the scene of a burglary into the arms Wednesday of two charges. An Albany man, who walked from

After deliberating 50 minutes, the jury found Irving Slaughter, 27, of 74 Dana Ave., guilty of first-degree burglary and attempted second-degree

old Clarence Gordon at 496 Madison Ave., at 3 p.m., Aug. 30. produced evidence that Slaughter District Attorney Lawrence Wiest Judge John G. Turner Jr., Assistant proke into the apartment of 81-year-During three days of the trial before

knocked him against a radiator, inflicting a permanent hip injury. He said the Gordon testified that Slaughter

man then went to a dresser, but found no money and left.

A neighbor, Joseph Shubert, said he called police after noticing a man loltering, and then saw him scale a fence and unlock a back gate.

latter emerged from the back door. that he apprehended Slaughter as the Officer Timothy Carroll testified

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agreed to testify against a co-defend-March 26. ant. Sentencing was deferred until As part of a plea bargain, McElhiney

Three Albany men, indicted in

residence with a 15-year-old boy on Oct. 10.

possession of stolen property, third St., Albany, is charged with criminal

vehicle and was intoxicated. McClaney was the operator of the vehicle stuck in a corn field. They said after responding to a report of O'Connell St., Albany, is charged with two felony counts of driving while McClaney about 8 p.m. last Aug. 13 intoxicated. Bethlehem Police arrested stolen car on Jan. 1. Tommy G. McClaney, 53,

separate cases, will be arraigned

bany. Dominick Turnbull, 29, of 495 Third St., is accused of second-degree assault in the alleged stabbing of a woman in the chest about 11 p.m. on Sept. 10 at Myrtle Avenue and Quail Street, Al-

Michael A. Young, 25, of 15 Regent

December 5, 1986

Hr. Richard M. Allyn Sebet Emecutive Covernor Clinton Council, No. 364

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Dick:

This is in response to your telephone call in October concerning the above-named individual. It was indicated that the individual was Scoutmaster of Troop 513 and is now in jail.

SUBJECT: Joseph A. Cousins

We would like more substantiating information in order to set up a rile and refuse registration should attempts be made at a later time in a different area. We must have newspaper clippings, court records, or scacements from individuals which would substantiate our refusal of registration.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed so that we may identify Mr. Cousins should that registration attempt occur.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernse, Director Registration, Subscription & Statistical Service

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