

Boy Scout Leader With 20 Year History of Sexually Abusing Underage Boys Jailed

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A former Boy Scout leader has recently been accused of sexually abusing two Rockford teens. Charles "Chuck" Bickerstaff was arrested on multiple charges of child molestation relating to the abuse of the two teens and is currently being held in the Lee County Jail, in Dixon, Illinois, on a \$3.5 million bond. Police found six diaries, consisting of approximately 800 pages that were kept by Bickerstaff and detailed more than 20 years of sexual relationships with several underage boys. Each diary recounts details of sexual assaults against boys dating back to the late 1980's. Over a span of 33 years, the length of Bickerstaff's tenure with the Boy Scouts, Bickerstaff has allegedly abused boys in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Michigan, and abroad. According to authorities, the Bickerstaff's diary may lead to additional molestation charges.