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Subject: In retrospect, I should have figured out what was happening while I taught many Boy Scouts in seventh grade. Many testified their rapes by Jack happened during that year. I am still ill thinking about the events that happened because so many wore blinders afraid to report someone who was rumored to abuse boys for 50 years.

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I grew up in the late sixties and seventies. Jack was involved in scouting then. I heard rumors of alcohol, porn, "circle jerks," etc. involving boys I went to school with. It was a joke in those days among teens not involved who had either heard stories or escaped Boy Scouts before "chosen" by Jack. Why did no one tell? Partly because Jack was from one of the most prominent families in Lonoke. He was a Walls. Jack's dad, the Judge, covered for his son supposedly for years. Stories go that when little jack was accused of fondling another prominent family child, big jack sent him to the army. There are so many skeletons in the Walls family closet. Some suggest incestuous relationships happened, as well.

When he returned from Vietnam, his dad encouraged him to marry a girl from a nice family. The abuse continued. When it all hit the fan, old man walls was seen burning all kinds of papers in a barrel on his property adjacent to the high school. He emptied a storage shed that was locked with pad locks. Oh, how I wanted to see what he burned.

Heath was a very intelligent young man. He was always polite to me but I could tell he was troubled. His dad was rumored to have been a bully in school and the bullying continued in his discipline of his son. One of my friends' backyard was next to the Stocks home when joe and Barbara lived in town. This friend saw joe teach Heath to fist fight when Heath was in 2nd or 3rd grade. The only problem I ever had where Heath was concerned is on a school overnight trip when he threw a rock striking a duck in the head killing the duck. Again I suspected something when Heath was not the least bit remorseful. This was due to so much turmoil in his life.

Years before, I taught another young man who was an only child. He was big in boys scouts and held jack in high regard. He would say jack's name like jack was God. I honestly suspected he was jack's boy. His mother and jack's sister were best friends. This young man never came forward. He had a rough life of alcohol and drug abuse. I feel badly because so many victims are still in denial.

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I thought of reporting then, but thought who will believe me or what if it is not true and I put this man's family through this. Of course today I take all suspected hints of abuse seriously. I am a mandatory reporter of abuse not just because it is the law but because I wish someone had been as brave as the Hogans and the other two brave young men who forced jack to tell.

I did a project with my students for years where they wrote memory letters in seventh grade and I returned them in the spring of their senior year. Heather never got her letter. I was best friends with a distant family member of the stocks family. I gave the letter to her to decide if Miss Dorothy needed to read it. I know seventh graders and since they knew I would not read the letter, I felt some may have been a little graphic with their contents or language. She opened it and the first thing out was heaths football picture for that school year. She had written: I love my bubba. This same friends husband was a scout leader and was aware of jack being forbidden to be at scout functions. He knew jack was angry with him and an older man who had taken jacks position in scouts. The older gentleman had a tree poisoned by jack and his "boys." Jack told the boys he could kill a person just as easily as that tree. This man died a few months later. He was sitting on the couch with his wife watching television and fell dead. Was ruled a heart attack. Very suspicious I have thought for years.

This same friend was connected to the stocks family through church. There was a group of couples who hung around together. The stocks, the walls, the deputy who arrived at the house first, my friends first cousin and her husband. About a month after the murders, this group decided to go away on a retreat. The deputy brought heath's file and answered questions. It was all recorded on cassette. My friend brought a copy for me to hear. I wish I still had that copy. I heard jack ask if heath implicated anyone else in the murders. I heard jack ask if this deputy thought Heath would ever be released from prison. I heard jack ask if Heath had many visitors in the county lock up. Honestly, my friend and I discussed if jack was involved. I was so into reading true crime then that I tended to try to analyze people quite a bit. I gave her tape back to her and didn't copy it like I intended. I also questioned the legality of the retreat.

I am rambling, I know. I just have so many memories and questions that I haven't expressed in a while.

You are so right about Heather. She was very special to me. I was her cheerleader sponsor for both junior and senior high. She was my captain her senior year. I will always remember one road trip when we talked about angels and our belief in them. It was so helpful after her death to remember that conversation and how we had that discussion for a reason. Her last night my co sponsor of cheer leading and I were in line at mc Donald's. heather circled around us honking and waving. Then I got that dreaded middle of the night call and you know the rest. It is always hard to lose a former student. That year I lost two to murder. It also sad to scroll through the Arkansas department of corrections and see my former students who are incarcerated. I have two now who are lifers. It is so sad.

Lonoke is ashamed of the negative publicity and scandals over the past twenty years. Lonoke should be ashamed for showing under the rug all of the abuse jack walls managed to get away with. Lives have been damaged and destroyed by this monster and those who tried to protect jack. Jacks mother was a recluse who very seldom left her home for years. She knew...a mother knows these things about her child.

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