

Dale Lawrence Astleford

Dale Lawrence Astleford, DOB 08/05/30, was a Boy Scouts associate convicted of sexually abusing a boy in 1982. He was involved with the Viking Council. He was part-owner of Astleford Equipment Company, Richfield, Minnesota, which sponsored an Explorer post. In 1984, he was placed in Boy Scouts' [Confidential Files](#), making him an ineligible volunteer.

Astleford's 1982 conviction resulted from a child pornography investigation in which he was suspected of being part of a national network that used the postal service to exchange pornographic photos of children. Officers arrested him after sending him letters asking to exchange sexually explicit photographs of children. He responded with several photographs, including some of two boys, 11 and 13, from Richfield, Minnesota. According to court records:

In January 1982, officers searched Astleford's Bloomington, Minnesota, residence and Astleford Equipment Company. They found photographic equipment, pornographic books and magazines, and photographs of the two victims, in his basement darkroom and his bedroom. Astleford began taking sexually explicit photographs of the two victims in 1979 and had sexual contact with them at his residence and Astleford Equipment Company. One victim stated Astleford sexually abused him three to four times a week for a year and took 300 photos of him. Officers identified more than 30 boys from the photographs found in Astleford's home, and concluded he might have been involved in child pornography for 10 years. He was charged with promotion of minors to engage in obscene works, first-degree criminal sexual conduct and second-degree criminal sexual conduct. In December 1982, he pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to one year in jail, which was stayed for 10 years.

According to testimony, boys stayed overnight at the Astleford residence when his wife was out of town. In addition to his Boy Scouts involvement, Astleford was a Sunday school teacher for 30 years, involved with youth counseling and married with children. A police official in 1982 stated that Astleford was considered a "pillar of the community" at the time of his arrest.

Astleford died at the age of 79 on March 13, 2010, in Mesa, Arizona. His last-known residence is believed to have been in Mesa, Arizona. Astleford is believed to have resided in the following locations between 1985 and 2010: Minneapolis (Hennepin County) Minnesota; Burnsville (Dakota County) Minnesota; Fountain Hills (Maricopa County) Arizona; Lakeville (Dakota County) Minnesota; and Mesa (Maricopa County) Arizona.

If you were abused by Dale Lawrence Astleford or someone associated with the Boy Scouts 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.