

“Based on our initial investigation, we believe that there were likely other scouts who were sexually abused during Scouting events at the Williams Arena,” said Lee James, another of Doe 159’s attorneys. “We hope that any victims of child sex abuse in Scouting will get the help and justice that they need and deserve under the Minnesota Child Victim Act.”

In a statement on its website, the Northern Star Council points out recent lawsuits have been based on abuse from the 1980s or earlier and involve volunteers who were removed when allegations became known.

The council encourages anyone who feels they were harmed at any time to contact them or, in the case of ongoing abuse, law enforcement.

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