

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the)	
5 Teaching License of)	DEFAULT ORDER
6 RICHARD WAYNE PRUITT)	REVOKING RIGHT TO
7)	APPLY FOR LICENSURE
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9 On or about February 14, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10 (Commission) received information indicating that Richard Wayne Pruitt (Pruitt) was arrested on
11 two charges of Sex Abuse I. The Executive Director took action to notify Pruitt of intent to
12 revoke his license, and to inform him of his opportunity for hearing. The notice was sent via
13 U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7001 0320 0005 0740 8650. The certified
14 mail receipt was signed and dated on August 21, 2002. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing,
15 dated August 20, 2002, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

16 "You, Richard Wayne Pruitt, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of
17 the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a
18 hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached
19 to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights
20 of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS
21 183.413(2)."
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23 Mr. Pruitt did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr.
24 Pruitt to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and
25 order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
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26 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

27 1. On January 14, 2000, the Commission adopted an Order of Suspension and
28 Probation to Richard Wayne Pruitt. Mr. Pruitt did not attempt to reinstate his suspended license.

29 2. On July 22, 2002, Richard Wayne Pruitt was convicted of two counts of Sexual
30 Abuse I, ORS 163.427, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Yamhill.
31 The court sentenced Mr. Pruitt to serve 60 days in jail; placed him on probation for 240 months;
32 and ordered him to pay a monetary obligation of \$1,210.00.

1 3. The convictions listed above were the result of Mr. Pruitt's relationship with a
2 student attending Patton Middle School in the McMinnville School District in 1993 and 1994.

3 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4 The crime of Sex Abuse I, ORS 163.427, is listed in ORS 342.143(3). Although, Mr.
5 Pruitt's license is currently suspended the Commission is required to revoke Richard Wayne
6 Pruitt's right to apply for licensure pursuant to ORS 342.175(2).

7 **ORDER**

8 The Commission hereby revokes Richard Wayne Pruitt's right to apply for a teaching
9 license.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED this 11 day of October 2002.

11 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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14 By: 
15 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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17 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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19 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
20 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE
21 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS
22 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

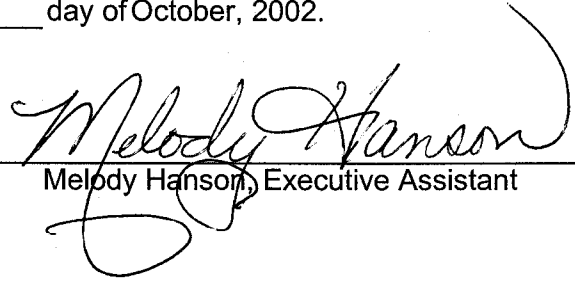
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me as such by regular U.S. mail and by U.S. Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested, addressed to Richard Wayne Pruitt:

Richard Wayne Pruitt
927 NE 18th Street
McMinnville, OR 97128

Dated this 25th day of October, 2002.

By:



Melody Hanson, Executive Assistant