

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS,
 4 Educator License of) SURRENDER AND REVOCATION
 5 KEVIN EUGENE STRASSER) OF LICENSURE

6 On or about August 25, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
 7 (Commission) learned that licensed educator, Kevein Eugene Strasser (Strasser), had committed
 8 acts of unprofessional conduct. Specifically, Strasser had been arrested for the theft of a
 9 student's property.

10 After review of the matters alleged, Strasser and the Commission agree that their
 11 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
 12 facts, Surrender and Revocation of Strasser's Oregon Teaching License.

13 By signing below, Strasser acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
 14 following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the
 15 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all
 16 such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final
 17 Order of Surrender and Revocation of Licensure (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this
 18 Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the
 19 Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval
 20 and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this
 21 Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Strasser nor the Commission are bound by the terms
 22 herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v)
 23 he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and
 24 consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no
 25 promises or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final
 26 Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order
 27 and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to

1 consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and
2 entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

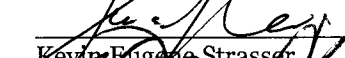
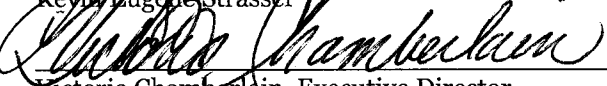
3 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be
4 imposed. Strasser stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files
5 and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering
6 into this stipulation, Strasser waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact,
7 conclusions of law and order set forth below.

8 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 9 1. The Commission has licensed Strasser since June 23, 1994. Strasser previously held a
10 Basic Teaching License with an endorsement in Basic Social Studies (020), valid May 6,
11 2011, through September 7, 2014. Strasser also held a Conditional Assignment Permit
12 (CAP), which allowed him to teach Basic Physical Education (018), this CAP was valid
13 from August 17, 2011, through October 3, 2014. On December 17, 2013, Strasser
14 surrendered his teaching license by letter to the Commission. Strasser's letter indicates
15 the surrender of his license is a requirement of a plea negotiation he made in connection
16 with Clackamas County Case No. CR1301626. During all relevant times, Strasser was
17 employed by the Oregon City School District.
- 18 2. On August 25, 2013, the Commission learned that Strasser had been arrested for Theft in
19 the First degree. Investigation determined that Strasser had stolen a student's watch,
20 along with another watch that Strasser claimed was from the "lost and found" area of the
21 coach's office. On or about the morning of June 12, 2013, student CR reported to Strasser
22 that he believed he had lost his wristwatch during physical education class. CR described
23 this expensive and unusual watch to Strasser. Strasser told CR to check the teacher's
24 desks in the gym office. CR checked the desks and was unable to locate any watches. At
25 12:51 p.m., the same date, Strasser pawned two watches at a local pawn shop. On August
26 20, 2013, a friend of CR observed CR's watch on display at the pawn shop and reported

1 this to CR who contacted police. Police investigation determined that Strasser had
2 unlawfully pawned CR's watch and the other watch. When questioned, Strasser admitted
3 that he knew the watch belonged to CR, and that CR had reported it missing to Strasser.
4 Strasser was charged with Theft in the first degree and later pled guilty to the lesser
5 charge of Theft in the second degree. As part of an agreement with the victim and the
6 courts, Strasser was sentenced to 5 days in jail, 18 months' probation, 60 hours of
7 community service, and Strasser agreed to resign his employment and surrender his
8 teaching certifications.

9 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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Kevin Eugene Strasser
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Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
14 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

_____ 10/5/15
Date
_____ 10-9-15
Date

15 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

16 Kevin Eugene Strasser engaged in unprofessional conduct as described in section two (2)
17 above. This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR
18 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*);
19 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of*
20 *the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and*
21 *honesty*). This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR
22 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction*
23 *includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no*
24 *contest plea or any other means*), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in*
25 *acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

26 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is
27 based upon ORS 342.175.

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ORDER

The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, accepts the licensure surrender and revokes the Teaching License of Kevin Eugene Strasser.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of November, 2015.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I served the foregoing Stipulation of Facts, Surrender and Revocation of Licensure, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail — Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Kevin Eugene Strasser
14260 SE Trilva Jean Ct
Portland, OR 97267-1668

DATED this 20th day of November, 2015.

By: Patty Liddell
Patty Liddell
Investigative Assistant

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