

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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of) SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND
THOMAS BARRETT WHITE) ORDER OF REVOCATION
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On or about March 19, 1997, Thomas Barrett White surrendered his Basic Teaching License to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission as a condition of a plea agreement in Malheur County (Oregon) District Court.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Thomas Barrett White holds a Basic Teaching License endorsed for Elementary and valid from November 28, 1997 to January 11, 1999.
2. Mr. White was employed as an elementary teacher in Juntura School District in Malheur County (Oregon) on September 13, 1996.
3. On or about September 13, 1996, Mr. White inappropriately disciplined a male fifth grade student.
4. On October 13, 1996, White was indicted by the Malheur County Grand Jury on two counts of Coercion and one count each of Menacing and Harassment as a result of his actions on September 13, 1996.
5. On February 24, 1997, White entered into a plea agreement with the Malheur County District Attorney as a disposition of charges against him. White plead guilty to one count of harassment.
6. As a condition of the agreement, White was required to surrender his Oregon Teaching License.
7. Under OAR 584-50-027, the Commission may permit an educator to voluntarily surrender a license prior to its expiration date if TSPC finds that such action is in the best interest of the public.

ORDER

The Commission adopts the above findings of fact, accepts the surrender of Mr. White's license, and revokes the teaching license of Thomas Barrett White.

Dated this 22 day of May, 1997.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: David V. Myton
David V. Myton, Executive Secretary

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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

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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 to:

THOMAS BARRETT WHITE
P O BOX 248
JUNTURA OR 97911

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1997.

By: Charlene A. Smith
Charlene A. Smith
Secretary to the Commission