

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

3    In the Matter of the                            )            **STIPULATION OF FACTS,**  
4    Teaching License of                         )            **AND PUBLIC REPRIMAND**  
5    **SHERI ELIZABETH ELLIGSEN**                 )

6           On or about January 27, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices  
7    Commission (Commission) received a report from Michael J. Keown, Superintendent,  
8    Arlington Public Schools, indicating that Sheri Elizabeth Elligsen (Elligsen) had been  
9    arrested for Telephonic Harassment and Stalking.

10           After review of the matters alleged, Ms. Elligsen and the Commission agree that  
11    their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a  
12    stipulation to certain facts and imposition of a Public Reprimand.

13           This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the  
14    sanction to be imposed. Ms. Elligsen stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained  
15    in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of  
16    law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Ms. Elligsen waives the right to a  
17    hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.  
18    Ms. Elligsen understands that the probation will be subject to specific conditions.

19           This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the  
20    Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Ms. Elligsen nor the  
21    Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Ms. Elligsen retains all rights to a  
22    hearing on the allegations.

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**STIPULATION OF FACTS**

1. The Commission has licensed Sheri Elizabeth Elligsen since October 25,  
1990. Ms. Elligsen currently holds a Conditional Teaching License valid January 30,  
2006 through January 29, 2009, with an endorsement in Basic Handicapper Learning.

2. Ms. Elligsen was employed as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary teacher by the  
Arlington Public Schools for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. Ms. Elligsen  
resigned her position effective August 17, 2004.


3. On October 15, 2004, Ms. Elligsen pled guilty, of two (2) counts of Telephonic  
Harassment, a violation resulting from continuous and unwanted telephone calls in the  
Grass Valley, Oregon area. At the time of the conduct, Ms. Elligsen was not  
supervising minors nor in any official or unofficial teaching capacity.

4. Ms. Elligsen acknowledges that her behavior described above was  
inappropriate and accepts responsibility for her conduct.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

  
Sheri Elizabeth Elligsen

April 29 07  
Date

  
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

5-7-07  
Date

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Ms. Elligsen's repeated violations of the law are of particular concern given that  
she was employed as an elementary teacher whose assignment may have included  
teaching citizenship to impressionable children. By making repeated, unwanted  
harassing telephone calls to two citizens of Grass Valley, Oregon during the period of  
August 2003, through May 2004, Sheri Elizabeth Elligsen engaged in an act constituting

1 criminal conduct in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). Sheri Elizabeth Elligsen's  
2 conviction for Telephone Harassment violates OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c). This  
3 misconduct constitutes Gross Unfitness. The Commission's authority to impose  
4 discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

5 **ORDER**

6 The Commission adopts the above stipulation of facts and imposes a Public  
7 Reprimand upon Ms. Elligsen. Furthermore, the Commission imposes a two (2) year  
8 probation upon Ms. Elligsen subject to the following terms and conditions:

9 1. Ms. Elligsen shall at her own initiative and expense, obtain a mental health  
10 evaluation and seek treatment as recommended by her mental health evaluator acceptable to  
11 the Commission. A copy of the evaluation will be mailed to the Commission with a statement  
12 regarding the likelihood that Ms. Elligson will not repeat the criminal behavior.

13 2. During the period of this probation, Ms. Elligsen shall comply with the terms of  
14 the treatment and aftercare plans as recommended by medical professional if  
15 appropriate;

16 3. Ms. Elligsen shall conduct herself as a law-abiding citizen;

17 4. Ms. Elligsen shall report in writing within ten days to the Executive Director of  
18 the Commission any arrest or citation for any felony, misdemeanor, major traffic  
19 violation or violation of criminal probation; and

20 5. Ms. Elligsen shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical  
21 Performance under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

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1 If Ms. Elligsen does not comply with all terms and conditions of this probation, based on  
2 the reports of her treatment provider or as otherwise determined by the Executive  
3 Director, she shall be in violation of this probation. Violation of a term or condition of  
4 this probation may constitute an independent basis for the Commission to impose  
5 discipline, up to and including revocation of Ms. Elligsen's licensure subject to Ms.  
6 Elligsen's right to a hearing on the issue of whether she violated probation.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED this 21 day of <sup>May</sup>~~August~~, 2007

8 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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10 By *Victoria Chamberlain*  
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM

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