

1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

2 1. Mr. Woods' Standard Teaching License with a Standard Biology Endorsement
3 expired on March 20, 2002.

4 2. Mr. Woods was employed by Willamette Education Service District as a
5 teacher at William Lord High School, MacLaren Youth Corrections Facility, beginning in
6 September of 1998, until his resignation on March 4, 2002.

7 3. A District-owned computer with Internet access was present in Mr. Woods'
8 classroom for his use in connection with his assigned responsibilities.

9 4. The District has a clearly defined, acceptable use policy. The District's policy
10 prohibits the use or attempted use of equipment for Internet access of sexually explicit
11 materials.


12 5. Mr. Woods used his classroom computer on multiple occasions to access
13 sexually explicit materials through the District's Internet connection in violation of District
14 policy regarding Internet use during student contact hours and non-student contact
15 hours.

16 6. Mr. Woods admits that he should not have used the District computer for
17 viewing sexually explicit materials and has expressed remorse for doing so.

18 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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20 _____
21 James Frederick Woods

_____ 6-10-02
Date

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24 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
25 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

_____ 6-5-02
Date

1 **ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT**

2 James Frederick Woods used the computer equipment owned by his employer,
3 Willamette Education Service District, located on school premises, to access sexually
4 explicit materials. Mr. Woods was fully aware that accessing such materials at the
5 workplace with a District owned computer was inappropriate and against District policy.

6 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

7 James Frederick Woods' behavior constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
8 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this
9 matter is based upon ORS 342.175(1)(b).

10 **ORDER**

11 James Frederick Woods' right to apply for licensure is suspended for a period of
12 ninety (90) days beginning on August 2, 2002. At the end of this suspension period, Mr.
13 Woods' Teaching License will be reinstated upon:

14 1. Submission of a complete application and fees pursuant to OAR 584-050-
15 0015(3);

16 2. Submission of documentation that he has undergone an evaluation by a
17 psychotherapist or medical professional acceptable to the Commission, and the
18 evaluator submits a written report to the Commission attesting (a) Mr. Woods is fit to
19 work with children and teenagers, and (b) there is a high probability he will not use
20 school district equipment to access sexually explicit materials or engage in similar
21 inappropriate behavior. Any costs associated with the assessment or treatment will be
22 the responsibility of Mr. Woods.

23 Upon the reinstatement of his teaching license, Mr. Woods shall be placed on
24 probation by the Commission for a period of two (2) years subject to the following
25 conditions:

1 1. Mr. Woods shall substantially comply with any treatment or counseling as
2 recommended by the individual who completed the evaluation described above.

3 Mr. Woods shall authorize and sign any consent forms as necessary for the treatment
4 provider or counselor to furnish records to or discuss Mr. Woods treatment with the
5 Commission.

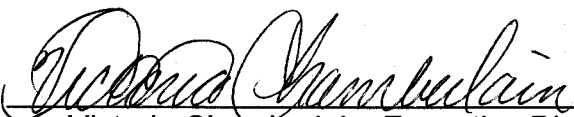
6 2. Mr. Woods shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical
7 Performance under Chapter OAR 584, Division 020.

8 3. Mr. Woods shall provide information as requested by the Commission to verify
9 that he has complied with the conditions of probation, including a statement from a
10 future employing district that he has complied with the Standards for Competent and
11 Ethical Performance under Chapter OAR 584, Division 020.

12 Violation of the terms of this probation may constitute an independent basis for
13 the Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Mr. Woods
14 teaching license subject to Mr. Woods right to a hearing on the issue of whether he
15 violated probation.

16 Dated this 2nd day of August, 2002

17 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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19 By: 
20 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director