

1 because she believed that there were questions about the students' credibility and when
2 pressed by Ms. Powers, the student said her father had not inappropriately touched her.

3 3. School officials reported the potential abuse to police immediately upon becoming
4 aware of the girl's statements.

5 4. Salem Police thoroughly investigated the girl's allegations, including interviewing
6 siblings and family members and ultimately determined that the girl's statements were false.

7 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

8 Karen Powers
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10/19/07
Date

10 Victoria Chamberlain
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
12 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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10-10-07
Date

14 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

15 Karen Powers failed to make a mandatory report of child abuse pursuant to ORS
16 419B.010. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation OAR 584-020-
17 0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) and 584-020-0025(3)(a).

18 **ORDER**

19 The Commission hereby adopts the above findings of fact and imposes a Public
20 Reprimand upon the Licensure of Karen Powers. This Order shall serve as the Public
21 Reprimand.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED this 5th day of November, 2007.

23 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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25 By Victoria Chamberlain
26 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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