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- 2 2. On April 30, 2020, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) took a
- 3 report of sexual abuse of an unknown minor student by Berman, a South
- 4 Medford High School (SMHS) Physical Education Teacher. DHS notified law
- 5 enforcement and the Commission of the allegations, and a criminal investigation
- 6 was initiated.
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- 8 3. Investigation by the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Medford Police Department
- 9 (MPD) determined the following:
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- 11 • Berman solicited nude photos and engaged in explicit sexual
 - 12 communication with KS, a minor female who was a student at MSD. This
 - 13 communication occurred between approximately June 2019 and April of
 - 14 2020.
 - 15 • Berman engaged in sexual contact with KS at his home approximately 4
 - 16 times between March 1, 2020, and March 13, 2020.
 - 17 • The sexual contact with KS included kissing, making out, digital
 - 18 penetration of KS's vagina and oral sex performed by Berman on KS.
 - 19 • Berman was arrested by MPD on May 14, 2020, on charges of Sexual
 - 20 Abuse 2 (two counts), Sexual Abuse 3 (3 counts), Tampering with a
 - 21 Witness and Luring a Minor.
 - 22 • On July 20, 2021, Berman plead guilty to charges of Sexual Abuse 2 (2
 - 23 counts) and Tampering with a Witness.
 - 24 • On August 31, 2021, Berman was convicted of the same charges that he
 - 25 pled guilty to. As part of the sentence, Berman was ordered to surrender
 - 26 his teaching license and register as a sex offender.
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- 28 4. The Commission and DHS attempted to contact you to arrange for an interview
- 29 regarding this incident, however your attorney at the time, Jeni Feinberg,
- 30 declined the interview.
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1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 *Under ORS 342.175(2) and OAR 584, Division 020, the Commission will deny,*
3 *revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any*
4 *applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS*
5 *342.143, or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another*
6 *jurisdiction or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in 161.405.*


7 The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based
8 upon ORS 342.175.

9 **FINAL ORDER**

10 The Commission hereby permanently revokes Berman’s teaching license.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 28th day of September, 2022.

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14 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

15 By: 
16 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

17 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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