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

In the Matter of the	)	
Teaching License of	)	DEFAULT ORDER
WENDELL OLIVER ELISEUSON	)	REVOKING TEACHING LICENSE
	.)	

On or about October 14, 1996 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission received information from the Jackson County District Attorney's office, indicating that Wendell Oliver Eliseuson had entered a plea of "no contest" to two counts of Harassment. A condition of the plea was surrender of his Oregon Teaching License. The Executive Secretary took action to notify Mr. Eliseuson of intent to accept the surrender and revoke his Oregon Teaching license, and to inform him of his opportunity for hearing. The notice, dated November 12, 1996, and signed by David V. Myton, Executive Secretary, stated:

"You, are entitled to a contested case hearing on the proposed action. The purpose of the hearing would be to establish that a conviction has been entered in Jackson County for Harassment. You have 10 days from the date of this letter to request a hearing.""

The notice of opportunity for hearing was sent by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Mr. Eliseuson did not request a hearing.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 9, 1996, Wendell Oliver Eliseuson entered a plea of "no contest" to two counts of Harassment in Jackson County District Court. This Harassment consist of Eliseuson subjecting female students at Ashland High School to offensive physical contact, by touching their buttocks.
- 2. A condition of the plea was that Eliseuson surrender his Oregon Teaching License.

## ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Wendell Oliver Eliseuson entered a plea of "no contest" and was convicted of two counts of Harassment on October 9, 1996, in Jackson County District Court.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Wendell Oliver Eliseuson violated the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators, OAR 584-20-040 by subjecting female students to offensive physical contact. These actions constitute gross neglect of duty.

### ORDER

The Commission accepts the surrender and revokes the Oregon Teaching License of Wendell Oliver Eliseuson, for conviction of two counts of Harassment.

Dated this 12th day of Delember, 1996.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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:



Dated this 13th day of Secentres, 1996.

Charlene A. Smith

Secretary to the Commission

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