1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4	In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5	Teaching License of) REPRIMAND
6 7	THOMAS RICHARD DAHL) AND PROBATION
8	On June 3, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued
9	a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Thomas R. Dahl (Dahl) in which the Commission
10	charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-
11	0040(4)(n), OAR 584-020-0010(5), OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c), and OAR 584-0202-0040(5)(e)
12	The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7010 0290 0001
13	6831 3650 to the address on file with the Commission. Dahl signed for the Certified Mail on
14	June 10, 2011. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated June 3, 2011, and signed by Victoria
15	Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."
24	Dahl did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Dahl to be in default and
25	enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records
26	of the Commission concerning this matter.
27	FINDINGS OF FACT
28	1. Dahl has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since October 31, 1980. Dahl's current Basic
29	Teaching License, with an endorsement in Basic Physical Education, and Basic Social
30	Studies, issued on May 20, 2009, is valid until May 19, 2012. During all relevant times, Dahl
31	was employed by the Lincoln County School District.
32	2. On May 27, 2010, Dahl was stopped for a traffic violation and was in possession of
33	approximately one ounce of marijuana. On June 21, 2010, Dahl pleaded guilty to the
34	violation possession and was fined \$500 and had his driver's license suspended for six
35	months. When interviewed by a Commission investigator, Dahl disclosed continued
36	marijuana use.
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1 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 2 Thomas R. Dahl's conduct described in #2 above constitutes gross neglect of duty in 3 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-4 0010(5) (Use professional judgment). This conduct also consitutes gross unfitness in violation 5 of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or 6 local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the 7 result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means), and OAR 584-0202-0040(5)(e) 8 (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a 9 conviction). 10 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 11 342.175. 12 FINAL ORDER 13 The Commission hereby imposes a Public Reprimand on Thomas R. Dahl's licensure and 14 includes a four year probation period, from the effective date of this order. IT IS SO ORDERED THIS \mathcal{Q}^h day of November, 2011. 15 16 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 17 18 19 20 ictoria Chamberlain, Executive Director 21 22 23 24 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS 25 26 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE 27 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 28 29 THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.