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In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
STEVEN EDWARD CORDILL)

On February 8, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Steven Edward Cordill (Cordill) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n), OAR 584-020-0010(5), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o), OAR 584-020-0035(2)(e), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7010 0290 0001 6831 2042 to the address on file with the Commission. The Certified Mail was signed for by S. Cordill on February 10, 2011. The regular mail was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 8, 2011, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"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."

Cordill did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Cordill to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven Edward Cordill has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since August 19, 2010. His current Initial I Teaching License, issued on June 29, 2009, is valid until January 11, 2013. During all relevant times Cordill was employed by the La Grande School District.
2. On April 5, 2010 the Commission received information from Cordill's employer that he utilized his school district computer to access sexually explicit materials on the internet. Specifically Cordill searched for such things as, "date rape", "see through swim suit", "nip

1 slip", "nude", "see through", "up skirt", "wardrobe slip", "alcohol and ass-hell yeah official
2 video", and "vaginal exam video." Cordill also used his district computer to access such
3 sites as "oopstapes.com" a web site featuring celebrity sex videos and images, and a video
4 game web site.

5 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6 Steven Edward Cordill used his school district computer and internet connection to
7 access sexually explicit material and internet game sites. This conduct constitutes gross
8 neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
9 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(o) as it incorporates
10 OAR 584-020-0035(2)(e) (*Not use the district's or school's name, property, or resources for*
11 *non-educational benefit or purposes without approval of the educator's supervisor or the*
12 *appointing authority*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q) (*Knowing and unauthorized use of school*
13 *computer equipment to receive, store, produce or send sexually explicit materials*).

14 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
15 342.175.

16 FINAL ORDER

17 The Commission hereby revokes the licensure of Steven Edward Cordill.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16th day of May, 2011.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

20 By: 
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22 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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27 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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