

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

In the Matter of the  
Teaching License of  
THOMAS CHRISTOPHER LINDSAY

## DEFAULT ORDER OF REVOCATION

On March 19, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Thomas C. Lindsay, in which the Commission proposed to suspend or revoke your right to apply for an Oregon teaching license or impose other discipline under ORS 342.177. The notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt #7000 0600 0023 8496 9693 to the address Mr. Lindsay provided to the Commission. The certified mail receipt was returned to the Commission on March 27, 2002, signed by Richard W. Bogart (signature illegible). Thomas C. Lindsay did not request a hearing.

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, signed by David V. Myton, Executive Director, stated:

If a request for hearing is not received within this 21-day period, your right to 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.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds Thomas C. Lindsay in default and such default is hereby entered. Based on the records and files of the Commission, the Commission enters the following findings of fact and order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Thomas Christopher Lindsay held a Basic Teaching License that expired August 18, 2001.

2. Thomas Lindsay was employed as a Chemistry Teacher at Southridge High School in the Beaverton School District. He resigned October 17, 2001.

3. During the 2001-2002 academic year, Thomas Lindsay engaged in verbal communication of a sexual nature with a 16-year old female student while driving her around Washington County in his personal vehicle. His discussions with the student were overly personal and sexually suggestive, including his prowess as a lover, his propensity to engage in extra-marital affairs, and his desire and ability to give his sexual partners prolonged and multiple orgasms.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Thomas Lindsay violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) by engaging in sexual conduct with a student. This misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175(b).

## ORDER

The Commission revokes the right of Thomas Christopher Lindsay to apply for licensure.

Dated this 17 day of May 2002.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By David V. Myton  
David V. Myton, Executive Director

## NOTICE OF APPEAL 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.