

1                   BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
2   OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
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5 In the Matter of the  
6 Teaching License of  
7 DAVID JASON BLISS  
8 DOB: 09-08-66  
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DEFAULT ORDER  
OF REVOCATION

11           On January 16, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission issued a  
12 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to David Bliss, in which the Commission proposed to  
13 suspend or revoke the teaching license of David Bliss or otherwise impose discipline under  
14 ORS 342.177. The notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt  
15 #7001 0320 0005 0740 9503 to the address Mr. Bliss provided to the Commission. The  
16 certified mailing was returned to the Commission as unclaimed. David Bliss wrote to the  
17 Commission on February 4, 2002, stating "In regards to the request I received in the mail  
18 about a hearing, I decline to arrange one. Thank you for the opportunity however."

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

22           If a request for hearing is not received within this 21-day period, your right to  
23 hearing shall be considered waived unless your failure to request a hearing was  
24 beyond your reasonable control. If you do no request a hearing or if you fail to  
25 appear at a hearing, the Commission will adopt an Order of Default which may  
26 include the revocation or suspension of your license or other discipline.  
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28           Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds David Bliss in default and such default  
29 is hereby entered. Based on the records and files of the Commission, the Commission enters  
30 the following findings of fact and order.

31   **FINDINGS OF FACT**

32           1. David Jason Bliss holds a Restricted Transitional Teaching License with an  
33 endorsement in Drama restricted to Gresham-Barlow School District valid October 26,  
34 2000, through October 26, 2003.

1           2. David Bliss was employed as a Drama Teacher at Gresham High School since  
2 September 2000. He resigned from his position on March 28, 2001.

3           3. During the 2000-2001 academic year, David Bliss contacted students at school  
4 to pose for photographs in the solicitation of his photography business. In February 2001,  
5 he took photos of JG in his home and charged him \$20 for the work.

6           4. During the 2000-2001 academic year, David Bliss contacted sixteen year old  
7 MK, a student, at Gresham Barlow High School and took MK to his home to pose partially  
8 clothed for photographs to enhance his professional portfolio.

9           5. During the 2000-2001 academic year, David Bliss contacted sixteen year old  
10 TJB, a student, at Gresham-Barlow High School and photographed TJB partially clothed  
11 for photographs to enhance his professional portfolio.

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13                                   **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

14           David Bliss' actions constitute gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-  
15 0040(4)(o) and OAR 584-020-0035(b).

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17                                   **ORDER**

18           The Commission revokes the Oregon Restricted Transitional Teaching License  
19 #1005423 issued to David Jason Bliss.

20           Dated this   28   day of March 2002.

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22                                   TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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

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27                                   **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

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