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3. On February 14, 2005, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion

Joseph Thomas Billera was convicted of:

Sexual Abuse I, ORS 163.427;
Sexual Abuse II, ORS 163.425 (two counts);
Sodomy II, ORS 163.395 (three counts);
Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, ORS 163.575; and
Rape II, ORS 163.365 (three counts)

4. The court sentenced Mr. Billera to 75 months in a corrections facility, 45 months Post Prison Supervision, and ordered to him to pay Fines/Fees/Restitution as Ordered.

5. Mr. Billera's criminal convictions in this matter involved sexual activity with female students attending Salem-Keizer Public Schools.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Mr. Billera's convictions for Sexual Abuse I, ORS 163.427, Sexual Abuse II, ORS 163.425, Sodomy II, ORS 163.395 and Rape II, ORS 163.365 are listed in ORS 342.143(3). The Commission is required to revoke the Oregon Standard Teaching License issued to Joseph Thomas Billera and revoke his right to apply for a license pursuant to ORS 342.175(2).

Mr. Billera's conviction for Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, ORS 163.575 constitutes Gross Unfitness in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes the Oregon Standard Teaching License issued to Joseph Thomas Billera and revokes his right to apply for a teaching license.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of April, 2005.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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.