

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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
RONALD ERNEST REHLING)
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On October 29, 2001, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a newspaper article from The Oregonian indicating that Ronald Ernest Rehling (Rehling) was arrested for sex crimes involving girls at Tualatin Valley Junior Academy, Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. The Executive Director took action to notify Rehling of intent to revoke his license, and to inform him of his opportunity for hearing. The notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7001 0320 0005 0740 8667. The certified mail receipt was signed and dated on August 12, 2002. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated August 9, 2002, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"You, Ronald Ernest Rehling, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."

Mr. Rehling did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr. Rehling 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. Ronald Ernest Rehling has been licensed by TSPC since July 1, 1970. On July 26, 1995, the Commission issued a Standard Teaching License to Ronald Ernest Rehling, the license expired on May 23, 2001.

2. On June 10, 2002, Ronald Ernest Rehling was convicted of: Rape II, ORS 163.365; Sex Abuse I, ORS 163.427; Sex Abuse II, ORS 163.425; and three counts of Sex Abuse III, ORS 163.415, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. The court sentenced Mr. Rehling to serve 27 years in jail and ordered to pay a monetary obligation of \$38,000.

3. The convictions listed above were the result of Mr. Rehling's relationships with students attending Tualatin Valley Junior Academy, Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The crimes of Rape II, ORS 163.365; Sex Abuse I, ORS 163.427; Sex Abuse II, ORS 163.425; Sex Abuse III, ORS 163.415 are listed in ORS 342.143(3). The Commission is required to revoke Ronald Ernest Rehling's right to apply for licensure pursuant to ORS 342.175(2).

ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Ronald Ernest Rehling's right to apply for a teaching license.

IT IS SO ORDERED this // day of October 2002.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: Victoria Chamberlain
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.