

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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
Teaching License of) AND ORDER
SUSAN JASA LOE) OF PROBATION

On October 12, 1995, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission received information from the Washington County District Attorney indicating that Susan Jase Loe had been convicted of shoplifting on March 28, 1995. The Executive Secretary requested copies of the court records and Ms. Loe's explanation of the incident and reported the findings to the Commission in Executive Session. The Commission directed the Executive Secretary to propose a Stipulation of Facts and Order of Probation as a resolution of this case.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

It was determined that the stipulation of the following facts is in the best interest of Susan Loe, the Commission, and the public.

1. Susan Jasa Loe holds a Basic Teaching License endorsed in Elementary and valid from March 30, 1993 to April 17, 1996.
2. On March 28, 1995, Susan Loe pled guilty to the crime of First Degree Theft (Class C Felony). This charge was based upon shoplifting 14 garments from Nordstrom's at Washington Square valued at \$963.
3. The court entered a judgment of conviction for a Class A Misdemeanor and made disposition accordingly. Ms. Loe was placed on probation for a period of one year and required to pay fines and assessments totaling \$428.
4. Ms. Loe was experiencing depression, anxiety and mood swings at the time of the crime which she attributes to undiagnosed hypoglycemia and premenstrual syndrome.
5. Susan Loe has been in therapy since December 28, 1994 to deal with the shoplifting episode.
6. On October 17, 1995, Ms. Loe was granted early release from the court ordered probation having complied with all special conditions and financial obligations.

1 In entering this Stipulation Susan Loe understands that the Commission will place
2 her on probation for a period of two years from the date of the order. This Stipulation
3 and proposed Order are contingent upon approval by Susan Loe and the full
4 Commission. It is understood that the statements contained in this Stipulation may
5 not be used by either party for any reason if the Commission or Susan Loe failed to
6 approve this Stipulation and Proposed Order.

7 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

8 Susan Jase Loe
9 Susan Jase Loe

4-14-96
Date

10 David V. Myton
11 David V. Myton, Executive Secretary
12 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

4/10/96
Date

13 OPINION

14 By committing the act of Felony Theft Susan Loe raised serious concerns about her
15 fitness to serve as an educator. Under ORS 342.175 and OAR 584, Division 20, the
16 Commission may suspend or revoke the license and educator who was convicted of a
17 crime when such crime has a bearing on the person's ability to fulfill the
18 responsibilities of a licensed position. Parents and the public expect educators to
19 serve as good role models as law abiding citizens. The Commission concludes that a
20 comparatively lenient sanction is appropriate in this case because Ms. Loe has an
21 excellent professional record and, except for this incident, has been an law abiding
22 citizen. The Commission also considered that the court imposed a judgment for
23 conviction of a Class A Misdemeanor and that Susan Loe has complied with and
24 completed all conditions of probation set by the court. Based upon the statements of
25 Ms. Loe, her counselor, and the her probation officer, the Commission believes a
26 recurrence of shoplifting is extremely unlikely.

27 ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

28 On March 28, 1995, Susan Jase Loe plead guilty to Felony Theft and was convicted
29 for Class A Misdemeanor Theft in Washington County Circuit Court.

30 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

31 ORS 342.175 authorizes Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to impose
32 disciplinary sanctions when an educator is convicted for a crime. ORS 670.280
33 requires the Commission to consider the relationship of the conviction to fitness to
34 serve as an educator.

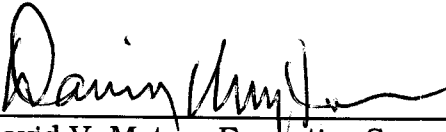
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ORDER

The Commission places Susan Jasa Loe on probation for a period of two years for conviction of Theft on March 28, 1995. During this period of probation Loe shall conduct herself as a law abiding citizen.

Dated this 19th day of April, 1996.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
David V. Myton, Executive Secretary

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