

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

In the Matter of the	)	STIPULATION OF FACTS
Teaching License of	)	AND ORDER OF PUBLIC
LYUDMILA TSYTSYN	)	REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

On August 28, 1998, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission informed Lyudmila Tsytsyn that the Commission found sufficient evidence of violation of Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators to warrant a hearing regarding Tsytsyn's 1995 conviction for Theft II. Before a hearing date was set, the parties have agreed that their respective interest and the interests of the State are best served by a Stipulation of Facts and Order of Public Reprimand and Probation as set forth below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. Lyudmila Tsytsyn (DOB 05-21-74) immigrated from the Ukraine to the United States with her family in 1992. The family established a residence in Vancouver, Washington.
2. Ms. Tsytsyn was convicted in October 1995 in Clark County Washington on Theft in the Second Degree (a felony) for theft of cash from Sears Roebuck where she was employed.
3. Ms. Tsytsyn was required to pay financial obligations, complete community service and serve a period of probation which ended July 8, 1998.
4. Ms. Tsytsyn enrolled at George Fox University in Fall 1993 as an undergraduate. She was continuously enrolled as a full-time student through spring 1998 and earned a Bachelor of Arts on May 1, 1998 with a major in music teaching.
5. Ms. Tsytsyn did not disclose to George Fox University that she had been convicted for Theft. She answered "no" to all TSPC character questions on her PA-1 form when registering for student teaching on December 3, 1997.
6. Ms. Tsytsyn answered "no" to all TSPC character questions on an application for licensure dated June 23, 1998.
7. Tigard-Tualatin School District offered Ms. Tsytsyn a position for 1998-99 as a music teacher. She answered "no" to the district's question, "Have you ever been convicted or plead nolo contendere to a felony?"
8. TSPC became aware of the arrest from the FBI report on fingerprints and investigated the court disposition. Ms. Tsytsyn cooperated by providing court documents and by subsequent full disclosure to Tigard-Tualatin School District administrators.
9. Ms. Tsytsyn has conducted herself in an appropriate manner in the George Fox University Teacher Education Program and has favorable recommendations from program faculty and cooperating school personnel.

1 Lyudmila Tsytyn enters into this Stipulation of Facts with knowledge that the Teacher  
2 Standards and Practices Commission will issue a Public Reprimand and place her on  
3 Probation for a period of two years. This Stipulation is contingent upon approval and  
4 adoption of the Order by the Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this  
5 Order, neither Ms. Tsytyn nor the Commission are bound by these stipulations and  
6 she retains all rights to a hearing on the allegations.

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8 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Lyudmila Tsytyn was convicted in October 1995 on a felony charge of Theft II. She answered "no" to character questions at admission to student teaching and on applications for licensure and employment with Tigard-Tualatin School District.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Under ORS 342.175 and OAR 584, Division 20 required educators to be law-abiding citizens and to exemplify personal integrity and honesty.

ORDER

The Commission confirms issuance of a Teaching License to Lyudmila Tsytyn for employment in Tigard-Tualatin School District. The Commission issues a Public Reprimand for failure to disclose this conviction to George Fox University, Tigard-Tualatin School District and the Commission and this Order shall serve as the Reprimand. Ms. Tsytyn shall be on probation from September 11, 1998 to September 11, 2000. During this period of probation, Ms. Tsytyn shall conduct herself as a law abiding citizen.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1998

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By David V. Myton

David V. Myton, Executive Director

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