

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 JOSEPH BRADLEY MEJDRICH  
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DEFAULT ORDER  
OF REVOCATION

On November 27, 2001, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Joseph Mejdreich, in which the Commission proposed to suspend or revoke the teaching license of Joseph Mejdreich or otherwise impose discipline under ORS 342.177. The notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt #7000 0600 0023 8496 9471 to the address Mr. Mejdreich provided to the Commission. The receipt for the certified mail notice has not been returned to the Commission either signed or as unclaimed. The notice sent via U.S. First Class Mail has not been returned to the Commission. Joseph Mejdreich did not request a hearing.

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

If a request for hearing is not received within this 21-day period, your right to hearing shall be considered waived unless your failure to request a hearing was beyond your reasonable control. If you do not request a hearing or if you fail to appear at a hearing, the Commission will adopt an Order of Default which may include the revocation or suspension of your license or other discipline.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds Joseph Mejdreich in default and such default is hereby entered. Based on the records and files of the Commission, the Commission enters the following findings of fact and order.

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## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Joseph Bradley Mejdrich holds a Basic Teaching License with an endorsement in Basic Handicapped Learner II valid through January 21, 2003. He has been licensed by TSPC since July 28, 1995.

2. In August of 1998, Mejdrich was hired as a Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove High School and served in that capacity during the 1998-1999 school year.

3. On October 24, 2000, the district placed Mejdrich on administrative leave pending an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct including rape and sexual assault. On February 21, 2001, Mejdrich resigned from his employment with the district.

3. In 1999 and 2000, Joseph Mejdrich had sexual contact with two former Forest Grove High School Special Education students. This contact consisted of visiting EG and SR at EG's apartment and having sexual intercourse. Evidence also indicates that, on one occasion, Mejdrich engaged in physical contact with EG on district property.

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## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Joseph Mejdrich's actions constitute gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) and (4)(o).

1 **ORDER**

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3 The Commission revokes the Oregon Basic Teaching License #293855, issued to  
4 Joseph Bradley Mejdrich, DOB 01-21-59.

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6 Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002.

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9 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

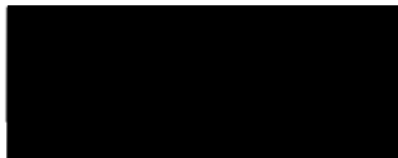
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18 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**


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20 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL  
21 REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60  
22 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT  
23 TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.  
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27 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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29 I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof  
30 certified by me as such by regular U.S. First Class Mail and by U.S. Certified Mail—Return  
31 Receipt Requested to:  
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37 Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2002.

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41 Melody Hanson  
42 Executive Assistant to the Commission  
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