

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

In the Matter of the )  
Teaching License of )  
GREGG MARTIN BENNETT )

DEFAULT ORDER OF  
DENIAL OF LICENSURE

On June 4, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Gregg Martin Bennett, in which the Commission proposed to deny issuance of a Teaching License under ORS 342.143. The notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt #7000 0600 0023 8496 9549 to the address Mr. Bennett provided to the Commission. The certified mail receipt was signed and dated by Mr. Bennett on June 8, 2002, and returned to the Commission on June 12, 2002. Gregg Martin Bennett did not request a hearing.

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, signed by Victoria Chamberlain, 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 uphold the denial of your application for an Oregon teaching license.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds Gregg Martin Bennett 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, conclusions of law and order.

## FINDING OF FACTS

1. On or about January 28, 2002, Mr. Bennett made a false statement on his application for Licensure to TSPC in his explanation of character question 8.

1 Mr. Bennett wrote that his arrest in 1993 for possession of Marijuana, was the result of a  
2 "surprise gift" from a friend. In fact, he had prior knowledge the marijuana would be  
3 mailed to him.

4 2. On or about August 20, 1993, Mr. Bennett was convicted for Possession of  
5 Marijuana, a misdemeanor, in District Court, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

6 3. In 1997 Mr. Bennett made a false statement by omission on an application for  
7 employment to Deer Valley School District when he failed to include his employment  
8 and resignation from Gila Bend School District in 1994.

9 4. On or about January 3, 2001, Mr. Bennett was convicted of the crime of  
10 Making a False Statement to Obtain Benefits (Unemployment Insurance), a  
11 misdemeanor, in Maricopa County, Superior Court of Arizona.

#### 12 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

13 1. The conduct described in Finding of Fact Number 1 constitutes gross neglect  
14 of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c).

15 2. The conduct described in Finding of Fact Number 2 constitutes gross  
16 unfitness in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) and ORS 342.143(3)(b).

17 3. The conduct described under Finding of Fact Number 3 constitutes gross  
18 neglect of duty in violation of OAR 585-020-0040(4)(c).

19 4. The conduct described in Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes gross unfitness in  
20 violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c).

21 Any one of the findings of facts set forth above are a sufficient basis standing  
22 alone for denial of licensure pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(3). The Commission's  
23 authority to deny licensure in this matter is based upon ORS 342.143.

1 **ORDER**

2 The Commission denies issuance of a teaching license to Gregg Martin Bennett.

3 Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2002.

4 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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6 By *Victoria Chamberlain*  
7 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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10 **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

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12 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL  
13 REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60  
14 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT  
15 TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.