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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D09-09-062
	)	
Anthony Disney	)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 430001H	)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
	)	REVOCATION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington, having reviewed the file of the above-referenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby permanently revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 430001H, of Anthony Disney, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Anthony Disney was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 430001H, on September 26, 2005. That certificate currently remains valid.

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- 2. On August 20, 2009, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received information through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) database, that the state of California had taken action against Anthony Disney's California Teaching Certificate.
- 3. On or about April 29, 2009, Anthony Disney was in possession of images depicting juveniles engaged in sexually explicit conduct at his apartment complex in Los Angeles County, California; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office report # 409-07543-2611-137 / 509-07543-2611-137 and Los Angeles County Superior Court Cause #MA045545.
- 4. During an interview with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office detectives, Anthony Disney admitted to possessing images of juveniles engaged in sexually explicit conduct and said that "he had "a problem" with addiction to pornography and specifically child pornography"; Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office report # 409-07543-2611-137 / 509-07543-2611-137.
- 5. Anthony Disney was a band/music teacher at Highland High School in the Antelope Valley Union High School District.
- 6. On May 1, 2009, a <u>Felony Complaint</u> was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court charging Anthony Disney with ten (10) counts of Possession of Matter Depicting Minor Engaged in Sexual Conduct, California Penal Code Section 311.11(a); Los Angeles County Superior Court Cause #MA045545.

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- 7. On May 4, 2009, the Antelope Valley Union High School District sent written notification to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing that Anthony Disney was on administrative leave and that Anthony Disney had been arrested and charged with a violation of California Penal Code 311.11.
- 8. On May 29, 2009, Anthony Disney was found guilty of one count of Possession of Matter Depicting Minor Engaged in Sexual Conduct, California Penal Code Section 311.11(a) and sentenced; Los Angeles County Superior Court Cause #MA045545.
- 9. On July 15, 2009, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing notified Anthony
  Disney that his California education certificate had been revoked and issued a Notice of
  Revocation/Suspension and Demand for Surrender of Credentials.
- 10. On September 10, 2009, Anthony Disney was sent notice that the Office of Professional Practices had opened an investigation and, per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090, notified Anthony Disney of his opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct.
- 11. California Penal Code 311.11(a), Possession of Matter Depicting Minor Engaged in Sexual Conduct, is similar in language to Washington RCW 9.68A.070, Possession of Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct.

- 12. Anthony Disney has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090 (3). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.
- 13. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Anthony Disney and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education .

  Certificate, No. 430001H, of Anthony Disney, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 18186-075.
- 3. Anthony Disney has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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## ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 430001H, of Anthony Disney be permanently revoked.

DATED This 18th day of November, 2009.

RANDY I. DORN Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

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