



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D05-11-119
)	
Douglas Whitaker)	ORDER OF PERMANENT
Certificate No. 141934J)	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. 141934J, of Douglas Whitaker, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Douglas Whitaker was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 141934J, on July 1, 1966. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. On November 16, 2005, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, became aware that Douglas Whitaker had been convicted of a felony offense included with WAC 180-86-013(1).



3. On August 12, 1994, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Douglas Whitaker from Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools for Tacoma Public Schools.
4. On December 23, 1997, OPP issued an Agreed Order of Reprimand to Mr. Whitaker.
5. On October 22, 2003, Thurston County Sheriff's Office received a report that Mr. Whitaker had sexually assaulted a 14-year old female. The female was not a student of Mr. Whitaker's.
6. On November 18, 2003, Mr. Whitaker was charged in Thurston County Superior Court with five (5) counts of Child Molestation in the Third Degree, RCW 9A.44.089.
7. On June 24, 2004, the original Information charging Mr. Whitaker with five counts of Child Molestation in the Third Degree was amended to three (3) counts of Child Molestation in the Third Degree, RCW 9A.44.089.
8. Mr. Whitaker signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty, in which he pleaded guilty to three counts of Child Molestation in the Third Degree.
9. On August 3, 2004, Mr. Whitaker was sentenced: to pay fines totaling \$710; 47 months incarceration, suspended upon successful completion of Special Sexual Offender Sentencing

Alternative; to undergo and successfully complete outpatient sex offender treatment for a period of three (3) years; serve 29 days of confinement, with credit for time served; and to register with as a sex offender with the Sheriff's Office for the county in which he resides.

10. Mr. Whitaker is registered as a Level II sex offender in Thurston County.

11. Douglas Whitaker 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.

12. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Douglas Whitaker and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 141934J, of Douglas Whitaker, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. Douglas Whitaker has violated WAC 180-86-013, WAC 180-86-014, and/or RCW 28A.410.090.

ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 141934J, of Douglas Whitaker be permanently revoked.

This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction

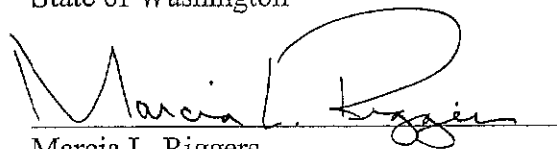
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DATED This 29th day of November, 2005.

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