

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION |) | |
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| CERTIFICATE OF |) | OPP No. D05-02-015 |
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| Sayeed X |) | ORDER OF REVOCATION |
| Certificate No. 387142C |) | |
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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 revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 387142C, of Sayeed X, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Sayeed X, also known as Jason U. Steele, was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 387142C, on May 24, 2001. That certificate currently remains valid.
- 2. Sayeed X was employed by the Spokane Public Schools.
- 3. On February 11, 2005, 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 Sayeed X.

- 4. On February 7, 2005, Sayeed X signed a settlement agreement with the Spokane Public Schools. As part of the Agreement, Mr. X resigned his position with Spokane Public Schools, effective August 31, 2005.
- 5. On April 8, 2005, an Information was filed in Spokane County Superior Court charging Mr. X with: Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090; Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree, RCW 9A.44.093; and Sexual Misconduct in the Second Degree, RCW 9A.44.096. The crime of Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree is a Class C felony.
- 6. The female victim was between the ages of sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years at the time of the events with Mr. X and had been a student in one of Mr. X's classes at Ferris High School.
- 7. On April 25, 2005, the original Information was amended to one count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090; Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree, RCW 9A.44.093; and Sexual Misconduct in the Second Degree, RCW 9A.44.096. The Amended Information added/changed the defendant name of Jason U. Steele, also known as Saveed X.
- 8. On August 15, 2005, the amended Information was amended to Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, RCW 9.68A.090; Attempted Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree, RCW 9A.44.093; and Sexual Misconduct in the Second Degree, RCW 9A.44.096. These criminal violations are categorized as gross misdemeanors.

- 9. On August 15, 2005, Mr. X, aka Mr. Steele, signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to a Gross Misdemeanor. On the Statement of Defendant form, Mr. X states that his true name is Sayeed X.
- 10. On August 15, 2005, Mr. X, aka Mr. Steele, was sentenced: to 365 days of confinement in the Spokane County-City Detention Center, with 275 days suspended for a period of 4 years, for each count of the Information. Counts 1 and 3 were to run concurrent. Count 2 was to run consecutive with counts 1 and 3; placed on probation for a period of 4 years; pay court costs of \$160 with a restitution hearing to be scheduled for a later date; and required to register as a sex offender.
- 11. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Sayeed X and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 387142C, of Sayeed X, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. Sayeed X has violated WAC 180-87-060, WAC 180-87-080, WAC180-86-013, WAC 180-86-014, RCW 28A.410.090, RCW9.68A.090-G, RCW9A44.093(1)-F, and RCW 9A.44.096(1)-G.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 387142C, of Sayeed X be 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

Office of Professional Practices

PO Box 47200

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DATED This 29 th day of bumber, 2005.

DR. TERRY BERGESON

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Student Support and Operations

SAYEED X ORDER OF REVOCATION