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| IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION |) | |
| CERTIFICATE OF |) | OPP No. D09-07-057 |
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| RICK STRONG |) | FINAL ORDER |
| Certificate No. 365049F |) | OF REVOCATION |
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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. 365049F, of Rick Strong, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rick Strong was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 365049F, on October 9, 1998. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Rick Strong was employed by the Riverview School District.

3. On July 31, 2009, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Riverview School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Rick Strong.

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4. During the 2007-2008 school year, [REDACTED], Rick Strong's 18 year old adoptive daughter, was enrolled as a student in the Snohomish School District.

5. In or about May, 2008, Rick Strong installed a video camera in [REDACTED]'s bedroom without her knowledge or consent. The video camera was installed above [REDACTED]'s bed and videotaped her behavior; which included sexual behavior.

6. On May 20, 2008, [REDACTED] discovered the video camera installed over her bed and, in the backyard of the residence, found video equipment and two (2) video tapes containing video of her engaging in sexual activities and contacted the Marysville Police Department. Marysville Police Department referred the incident to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, who initiated an investigation, SO08-10975.

7. On May 20, 2008, Rick Strong was interviewed by Snohomish County Sheriff's deputies and completed a written statement; SO08-10975.

8. On August 21, 2008, an Information and Certification for Determination of Probable Cause were filed in the Snohomish County Superior Court charging Rick Strong with Attempted Voyeurism-DV, Revised Code of Washington RCW 9A.28.020 & RCW 9A.44.115; Snohomish County Superior Court Cause No. 08-1-02056-2.

9. On September 19, 2008, Rick Strong was placed on administrative leave.

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10. In either late December of 2008 or early January of 2009, Rick Strong submitted a letter of resignation to the Riverview School District, resigning his employment effective February 28, 2009. The Riverview School District Board of Directors accepted the resignation at their January 13, 2009 regular meeting.

11. On February 11, 2009, Rick Strong signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty and pleaded guilty to Attempted Voyeurism; Snohomish County Superior Court for Cause No. 08-1-02056-2.

12. On February 11, 2009, Rick Strong was found guilty, by plea, of one (1) count of Attempted Voyeurism, RCW 9A.28.020 and/or RCW 9A.44.115 and sentenced; Snohomish County Superior Court Cause #08-1-02056-2.

13. On May 27, 2009, the Employment Security Department denied the unemployment benefits of Rick Strong.

14. On January 27, 2010, Rick Strong submitted a psychosexual evaluation report, dated June 24, 2009, at the request of OPP.

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

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Rick Strong and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 365049G, of Rick Strong, should be revoked as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Rick Strong has violated: RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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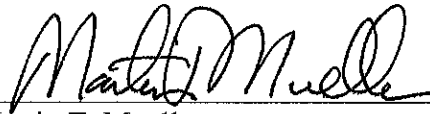
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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 365049F, of Rick Strong be revoked.

DATED This 26th day of March, 2010.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Martin T. Mueller
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