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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
APPLICATION OF)

OPP No. A05-09-0302

CATHERINE HUCKABA)
DOB [REDACTED]/1980)

DENIAL ORDER)
FOR CERTIFICATION)

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 deny the education application of CATHERINE HUCKABA, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Catherine Huckaba applied for a Washington education certificate on September 6, 2005.
2. On the Character and Fitness Supplement, a part of the application process, Catherine Huckaba answered 'yes' to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 Section III, Criminal History, regarding arrests for crimes or violations of the law in the last 10 years, fingerprinting as a result of any arrests, conviction of crimes or violations of the law in the last 10 years, and felony convictions.
3. Catherine Huckaba submitted a written explanation in which she indicates that she was with three young men whom she had only known for two weeks. She was providing a ride home when they asked her to stop. She stopped and was about to leave when approached by a security guard who informed her he was calling the police. Unbeknownst to her, the three men were breaking into houses.



She was charged with burglary, breaking and entering and stealing. She was given a suspended sentence with two years probation. Prior to the completion of probation, she applied for a teaching certificate the Missouri. When filling out the section regarding conviction of a crime, she answered 'no' as she believed the suspended sentence meant she had not been convicted. After a hearing and her explanation of the situation, her certificate was granted in the state of Missouri.

4. In a field incident report by Kansas City, Missouri it is stated when contacted by the security guard, Suspect #1, Ms Huckaba, started honking the horn. It is also stated that the reporting officers observed inside the vehicle, in plain view, several cut copper pipes.

~~5. On November 9, 2000 a guilty plea was entered for 2 counts of Burglary - 2nd degree; a Class C Felony by Catherine Huckaba.~~

6. Good moral character and personal fitness is a requirement to attain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Catherine Huckaba and over the subject matter of this action.
2. Catherine Huckaba has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence of good moral character or personal fitness to receive a Washington education certificate, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-86-170.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the application for certification of Catherine Huckaba is denied.

This order may be appealed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt, pursuant to Chapter 180-86 WAC, copy enclosed.

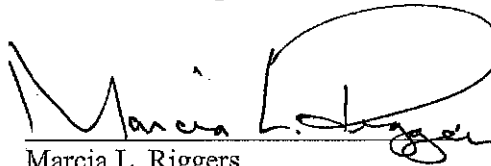
This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Office of Professional Practices
PO Box 47200
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DATED this 25th day of January, 2006.

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