



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D06-09-065
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Daniel Sammons)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 393503H)	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. 393503H, of Daniel Sammons, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Daniel Sammons was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 393503H, on December 11, 2001. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Daniel Sammons was employed by the Vancouver Public Schools.
3. On September 5, 2006, 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

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Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Daniel Sammons.

4. Between November 1, 2005 and August 8, 2006, Mr. Sammons had sexual contact with a 12 year old female student.

5. Between November 1, 2005 and August 8, 2006, Mr. Sammons attempted to induce a person, whom Mr. Sammons had reason to believe may have had information relevant to a criminal investigation, or a person whom Mr. Sammons had reason to believe may have had information relevant to the abuse and neglect of a minor child, to testify falsely, and/or to unlawfully withhold testimony, and/or absent himself/herself from such proceedings, and/or to withhold from a law enforcement agency information which she has relevant to a criminal investigation and/or to withhold from a law enforcement agency information which he/she has relevant to the abuse and neglect of a minor child.

6. On August 30, 2006, an Information and Affidavit in Support of Issuance of Summons were filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Mr. Sammons with three (3) counts of Child Molestation in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.086, and two (2) counts of Rape of Child in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.076; Clark County Superior Court Cause #06-1-01647-5.

7. On August 31, 2006, Mr. Sammons was placed on administrative leave by the Vancouver Public Schools.

8. On September 11, 2006, an Amended Information and Affidavit in Support of Issuance of Summons were filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Mr. Sammons with three (3) counts of Child Molestation in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.086, and two (2) counts of Rape of Child in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.076; Clark County Superior Court Cause #06-1-01647-5.

9. On May 28, 2007, a 2nd Amended Information was filed in Clark County Superior Court charging Mr. Sammons with Tampering with a Witness, RCW 9A.72.120/9A.72.120(1)(a), Child Molestation in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.086, Rape of Child in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.076; Clark County Superior Court Cause #06-1-01647-5.

10. On May 29, 2007, Mr. Sammons signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Sex Offense. In the Statement, Mr. Sammons pleaded guilty to Tampering with a Witness, RCW 9A.72.120/9A.72.120(1)(a), Child Molestation in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.086, Rape of Child in the 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.44.076; Clark County Superior Court Cause #06-1-01647-5.

11. On June 8, 2007, Mr. Sammons resigned his employment with the Vancouver Public Schools, effective June 22, 2007.

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12. On February 8, 2008, Mr. Sammons was found guilty by plea in Clark County Superior Court and sentenced to: \$405.12 restitution; \$500 victim assessment; \$500 fine; \$100 felony DNA collection fee; twelve (12) months confinement for count 1, forty-eight (48) months confinement for count 2, one hundred forty-seven (147) months confinement for count three with

a total of one hundred forty-seven (147) months total confinement and maximum term of life for count three; community custody with Washington State Department of corrections for any period of time that Mr. Sammons is released from total confinement before the expiration of the maximum sentence of count 3; sex offender and kidnapping offender registration; and other conditions.

13. Daniel Sammons 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.

14. 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 Daniel Sammons and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 393503H, of Daniel Sammons, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. Daniel Sammons has violated WAC 181-87-080, WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014, and/or RCW 28A.410.090.

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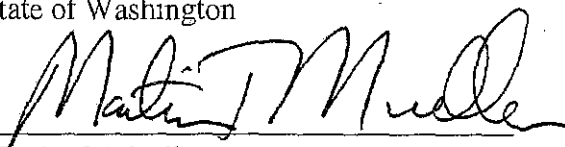
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ORDER

It has been thirty days since the Proposed Order of Mandatory Permanent Revocation was received. The appeal time period has passed. It is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 393503H, of Daniel Sammons is Revoked.

DATED This 9th day of April, 2008.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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