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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D07-02-013
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William A. Knudsen)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 132182G)	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. 132182G, of William A. Knudsen, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William A. Knudsen was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 132182G, on September 8, 1964. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. On March 7, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received information that Mr. Knudsen had pleaded guilty in United States District Court, District of Oregon, to the federal crime of possessing and receiving child pornography.

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3. On or about June 29, 2005 up to June 29, 2006, Mr. Knudsen knowingly received and possessed image of child pornography that had been transported in interstate and/or foreign commerce by any means including by computer.

4. On July 5, 2006, a Criminal Complaint and Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint was filed in the United States District Court, District of Oregon; Case No. 06-MJ-471. The Criminal Complaint and Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint charges Mr. Knudsen knowingly receiving and possessing numerous images of child pornography.

5. On October 26, 2006, an Information was filed in the United State District Court, District of Oregon, charging Mr. Knudsen with receiving child pornography, 18 USC 2252A(a)(2) and (b)(1), and possession of child pornography, 18 USC 2252A(a)(5)(B); Case No. CR 06-435-HA.

6. On February 5, 2007, Mr. Knudsen signed a Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty, Certificate of Counsel, and Order Entering Plea in the United States District Court, District of Oregon; Case No. CR 06-435-HA. In the Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty, Mr. Knudsen pleaded guilty to: a violation of 18 USC 2252(a)(2) and (b)(1), which prohibits a person from knowingly receiving child pornography, visual depictions of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, such images having been transported in interstate and foreign commerce, by means of a computer; and a violation of 18 USC 2252 (a)(5)(B), which prohibits a person from knowingly possessing child pornography, visual depictions of actual minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, such images having been transported in interstate and foreign commerce, by means of a computer.

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7. On June 4, 2007, Mr. Knudsen was found guilty, by plea, of Knowingly Receiving Child Pornography, 18 USC 2252 A(a)(2) and (b)(1); and Knowingly Possessing Child Pornography, 18 USC 2252A(a)(5)(B), in United States District Court, District of Oregon, Case No. CR 06-435-01-HA. Mr. Knudsen was sentenced to: \$200 special assessment; 97 months for Count 1 and 97 months for Count 2, with sentences to run concurrently; upon release from imprisonment, Mr. Knudsen shall be on supervised release for a term of three (3) years; special conditions of supervision; standard conditions of probation and supervised release; \$15,000 fine; and he was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshall.

8. 18 USC 2252A(a)(5)(B), Knowingly Possessing Child Pornography, is similar in language to Revised Code of Washington 9A.68.070, Possession of Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct.

9. William A. Knudsen 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.

10. 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 William A. Knudsen and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 132182G, of William A. Knudsen, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.

3. William A. Knudsen has violated WAC 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014, and/or RCW 28A.410.090.

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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. 132182G, of William Knudsen is Revoked.

DATED This 26th day of July, 2007.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington


Martin T. Mueller
Assistant Superintendent
Student Support and Operations

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE(S)

I, Larry Stewart, have reason to believe that I am or might be ineligible to hold a certificate(s) for reasons which do or might constitute grounds for revocation of the certificate(s). Accordingly, I hereby voluntarily surrender the following certificate(s):

- 1. Std El & Sec Tchr Certificate No. 147976E

I have not been, to the best of my knowledge, convicted of any felony crime listed within WAC 181-86-013(1).

I agree, if I request reinstatement of the certificate(s) I have voluntarily surrendered, to provide the Superintendent of Public Instruction with an affidavit describing in full the reasons for my voluntary surrender of the certificate(s) listed above. I further understand that the Superintendent of Public Instruction will notify other states and public and private school officials within the state of Washington that I have voluntarily surrendered my certificate(s).

Dated this 22 day of January, 2007

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

Larry T. Stewart

Printed Name

Larry T. Stewart

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Shoreline, WA 98155

Address

State of WA.
County of Snohomish

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 22nd day of January, 2007.

Carla B. Cook Carla B. Cook

Notary Public in and for the state of

Washington, Residing at Lynnwood

My commission expires: 05-17-09

