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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D12-10-066
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CHAD MORRIS)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 423108J)	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. 423108J, of Chad Morris, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Chad Morris was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 423108J, on January 28, 2005. That certificate expired on June 30, 2012. The actions described in the following Findings of Fact occurred while Washington Education Certificate No. 423108J was valid, and continued after Chad Morris' Washington Certificate No. 423108J expired.

2. Chad Morris was employed by the Mabton School District.

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3. On September 28, 2012, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from Minerva Morales, the superintendent of the Mabton School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Chad Morris.

4. On April 19, 2012, Chad Morris entered the office of Mabton High School Vice Principal Sue Sartain, located Ms. Sartain's purse under her desk, and removed \$200 from the purse; Mabton Police Report Case No. 12B0226.

5. On April 20, 2012, Mabton Police Department initiated an investigation at the request of Vice Principal Sue Sartain, regarding the theft of cash from her purse; Mabton Police Department Case No. 12B0226.

6. On April 26, 2012, in two (2) separate incidents, Chad Morris entered Ms. Sartain's school office, located Ms. Sartain's purse under the desk and removed approximately \$100 total from Ms. Sartain's purse.

7. On April 26, 2012, during an interview with a Mabton Police Department police officer, Chad Morris, admitted that he stole cash from Ms. Sartain because he was addicted to pain medication and needed to obtain more; Mabton Police Department Case No. 12B0226.

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8. On April 27, 2012, Chad Morris was issued Citation #6082 by Mabton Police Department charging him with three (3) Counts of 3rd Degree Theft, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.56.050; Mabton Police Department Case No. 12B0226.

9. On April 27, 2012, Chad Morris was placed on administrative leave from the Mabton School District.

10. On May 8, 2012, information was filed in Sunnyside Municipal Court charging Chad Morris with three (3) Counts of 3rd Degree Theft (RCW 9A.56.050); Sunnyside Municipal Court Case No. 6082; Sunnyside Police Department Case No. 12B0226.

11. On May 15, 2012, the Sunnyside Municipal Court dismissed one (1) Count of 3rd Degree Theft, RCW 9A.56.050, was dismissed with prejudice; Sunnyside Municipal Court Case No. 6081; reference Case No. 6082.

12. On June 26, 2012, a Statement on Stipulation to Facts, Motion and Order for Stay of Proceedings for one (1) year, were entered in Sunnyside Municipal Court. Per the court documents, Chad Morris was required to: 1) complete treatment; 2) pay restitution in; full and 3) pay court costs; Sunnyside Municipal Court Case No. 6082.

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13. On September 15, 2012, Chad Morris signed a Resignation Agreement and Release with Mabton School District; the date of his resignation was effective on September 10, 2012.

14. On or about January 31, 2013, Chad Morris, with other person(s), unlawfully entered a residence in Benton County, Washington, and unlawfully removed items, from the residence; Benton County Sheriff's Department Case No. 13-01317.

15. On or about March 7, 2013, Chad Morris, with other person(s), unlawfully entered a residence in Benton County, Washington, and unlawfully removed items, from the residence; Benton County Sheriff's Department Case No. 13-02881.

16. On April 1, 2013, Benton County Sheriff's Office deputy sheriff interviewed Chad Morris. During the interview, among other statements, Chad Morris stated that he was a methamphetamine user. Chad Morris was arrested and booked into the Benton County Jail on a charge of Residential Burglary, (RCW 9A.52.025); Benton County Sheriff's Department Case No. 13-02881.

17. On April 2, 2013, Chad Morris was arrested by Benton County Sheriff's Department and booked into the Benton County Jail on a charge of Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025); Benton County Sheriff's Department Case No. 13-01317.

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18. On April 3, 2013, while being interviewed by Benton County Sheriff's detectives, Chad Morris stated he was sick and coming down off his narcotics and needed to get out of jail; Benton County Sheriff's Department Case No. 13-01317.

19. On April 8, 2013, an Information was filed in Benton County Superior Court charging Chad Morris with two (2) Counts of Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025): Benton County Superior Court Case No. 13-1-00386-8; Benton County Sheriff's Department Case Nos. 13-01317 & 13-02881.

20. On June 6, 2013, Chad Morris signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Non-Sex Offense (Felony) in Benton County Superior Court, pleading guilty to two (2) Counts of Residential Burglary, (RCW 9A.52.025), admitting that on or about January 31, 2013 and on or about March 7, 2013, he (Chad Morris) did unlawfully enter into two separate dwellings with the intent to commit a crime; Benton County Superior Court Case No. 13-1-00386-8.

21. On June 25, 2013, Sunnyside Municipal Court issued a Bench Warrant for Chad Morris for failure to comply with the conditions of the Stay of Proceedings that was filed on June 26, 2012; Sunnyside Municipal Court Case No. 2082.

22. On June 27, 2013, a Felony Judgment and Sentence was filed in Benton County Superior Court committing Chad Morris to Washington Correctional Center; Benton County Superior Court Case No. 13-1-00386-8.

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23. On July 31, 2013, after being advised of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct, per RCW 28A.410.090, Chad Morris submitted a written statement to OPP explaining his addiction to prescription pain pills and his relapse after 14 years of being clean which ultimately lead to the crimes he committed.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

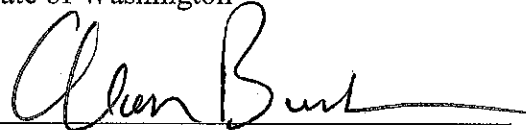
1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Chad Morris and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 423108J, of Chad Morris, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 423108J, of Chad Morris be revoked.

DATED This 9 day of October, 2013.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan Burke", written over a horizontal line.

Alan Burke, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education