



**FINDING OF FACT**

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2 1. The Commission has licensed Sherman since August 22, 2015. Sherman  
3 currently holds a Preliminary Teaching License with endorsements in Advanced  
4 Mathematics (PK-12), Chemistry (PK-12), and Physics (PK-12). The license was  
5 issued on August 21, 2015 and expired on September 8, 2018. During all relevant  
6 times, Sherman was employed by the Valley Catholic High School (VCHS).  
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- 8 2. On January 22, 2020, the Hillsboro Police Department (HPD) took a report of a  
9 possible sex crime involving student FT and VCHS educator, Sherman. The  
10 report alleged that Sherman was engaged in a sexual relationship with student FT  
11 while she was a Junior/Senior at VCHS. The sexual relationship was alleged to  
12 have started when FT was 16 years of age.  
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- 14 3. Investigation by the HPD determined the following:  
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  - 16 • Sherman engaged in a sexual relationship with student FT.
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  - 18 • Sherman’s sexual relationship with student FT was confirmed by multiple  
19 witnesses.
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  - 21 • On March 18, 2021, Sherman was indicted by a grand jury in Washington  
22 County Oregon for three (3) counts of sexual abuse in the second degree. The  
23 sexual abuse noted in the indictment indicated that the victim was student FT,  
24 and the sexual abuse had occurred on or about September 1, 2015.  
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  - 26 • On June 24, 2022 Sherman appeared in Washington County Circuit Court  
27 and plead guilty to two counts of sex abuse in the second degree. Sherman  
28 was convicted of the aforementioned charges (both counts) and was sentenced  
29 to five (5) years’ probation.  
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31 On June 29, 2022 TSPC sent a request to interview letter to Sherman and his

1 attorney, Olney. The letter was received by Olney on July 5, 2022. On July 21,  
2 2022, Olney emailed a response to TSPC declining to partake in an interview and  
3 advising that Sherman would agree to enter into an agreed order revoking  
4 Sherman's right to apply for an Oregon teaching license based on the conviction  
5 for a mandatory revocation crime.

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7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 *Under ORS 342.175(2) and OAR 584, Division 020, the Commission will deny,*  
9 *revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any*  
10 *applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS*  
11 *342.143, or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another*  
12 *jurisdiction or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in 161.405.*


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14 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
15 342.175.

16 **FINAL ORDER**

17 The Commission hereby revokes Sherman's right to apply for an Oregon teaching  
18 license and denies his application for licensure.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 29 day of November, 2023.

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22 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

23 By:   
24 Melissa Goff, Executive Director

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26 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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28 **YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY**

1 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE  
2 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
3 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.