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2 2. On October 7, 2021, the Superintendent of the CSD filed a misconduct report
3 alleging that educator Kory Sturgess had been arrested and charged with multiple
4 counts of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse (a felony) by Coquille Police Department
5 (CPD) on October 6, 2021.

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7 3. Investigation by CPD in conjunction with agency assistance from the Oregon
8 Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and
9 the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) determined
10 the following:

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- 12 • A cyber tip reported that Sturgess was in possession of child pornography.
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- 14 • Based on the tip a search warrant was issued for Sturgess' residence.
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- 16 • The search warrant was executed on October 6, 2021.
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- 18 • Sturgess confirmed his on-line/electronic identity for law enforcement
- 19 officials.
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- 21 • A forensic examination of Sturgess' computer and other electronic devices
- 22 seized during the search warrant was conducted on October 12 and 13, 2021.
- 23 Law enforcement identified 7,800 pornographic images of which 340 were
- 24 clear depictions of child pornography. The images showed children ranging
- 25 in ages from 7 to 15 years of age engaging in sex acts with other children and
- 26 adults. During Sturgess' interview with law enforcement, he confirmed that he
- 27 knew some of the photos were of minor aged children.
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- 29 • On May 10, 2022, Sturgess was indicted by a grand jury in the Circuit Court
- 30 for Coos County for 15 counts of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the 1st degree
- 31 and 15 counts of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the 2nd degree.

- On May 13, 2022, Sturgess was arrested on these charges and lodged at the Coos County Jail.
- On August 12, 2022, Sturgess appeared in the Coos County Circuit Court for sentencing. Sturgess plead guilty to four counts of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the 1st degree and was sentenced to 35 months incarceration, 36 months post-prison supervision, and ordered to register as a sex offender.

4. On August 16th, 17th, and 25th, 2022, TSPC sent a request to interview letter to Sturgess via both regular and certified mail. The letters were received by Sturgess on August 27, 2022 as confirmed by the USPS return receipt. As of the writing of this Notice of Hearing, TSPC has yet to receive a response from Sturgess.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
2 342.175.

3 **FINAL ORDER**

4 The Commission hereby permanently revokes Sturgess' teaching license.


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6 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16 day of November, 2022.

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TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

9 By: 
10 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

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NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing notice of final order, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Kory L. Sturgess
714 E. 4th Street
Coquille, OR 97423

Dated this 16 day of November, 2022.

By: _____


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Investigative Assistant