

1 of Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, one count of Assault IV and one count of Criminal
2 Mischief. The convictions stemmed from an altercation in a parking lot involving one person
3 and several police officers. You were found to have engaged in gross neglect of duty in
4 connection with these incidents.

- 5 2. As part of Mr. Norton's reinstatement application, he submitted several letters explaining the
6 circumstances leading to the conviction. In these letters, Mr. Norton denied responsibility for the
7 conviction and stated the counts against him were false. Mr. Norton minimized the
8 circumstances of the incident by shifting responsibility away from him.

9 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

10 Mr. Norton's October 12, 2008, application for reinstatement of his revoked license is
11 denied because the information submitted, along with his reinstatement documents, did not
12 establish that he possess good moral character, trustworthiness, or physical and mental health
13 to hold an educator's license. The conduct Mr. Norton engaged in that resulted in revocation,
14 including the criminal conviction and surrounding circumstances; and the failure to disclose his
15 criminal convictions as raised in the revocation hearing, demonstrates that he does not possess
16 good moral character, trustworthiness, or physical and mental health to hold an educator's
17 license as required by OAR 584-050-0018. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in
18 this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby denies James R. Norton's application to reinstate his educator
3 license.

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5 Approved by the Commission on November 6, 2009, effective November 9, 2009.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 12th day of July, 2010.

7 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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10 By: 
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

12 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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

James R. Norton
PO Box 1752
Pleasanton CA 94566-0175

Dated this 13th day of July, 2010.

By: Melody Hanson
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Executive Assistant