

- 1 4. Following a female students' breakup with her boyfriend, King sent her a text message
2 that read, "*If you would give me a chance, I would make you wet,*" or words to that
3 effect. King followed up with a voice mail message telling the female student, "*If you*
4 *would give me a chance, it would be a great time,*" or words to that effect. The female
5 student subsequently skipped King's class on occasion to avoid contact with him.
- 6 5. King engaged in consensual sexual relations with a female student when she was 18 years
7 of age, but while still a student at Myrtle Point High School.
- 8 6. King did not report to his supervisor that the student with whom he engaged in a sexual
9 relationship had romantic feelings for him.
- 10 7. The Sheriff's investigation also uncovered photographs of King hugging a female student
11 in a manner suggesting more than a professional student teacher relationship.

12 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13 Rufus D. King's conduct as described in #3 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation
14 of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
15 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-
16 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
17 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate*
18 *interest in a student's personal life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B) (*Not accepting or giving or*
19 *exchanging romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student*) and OAR 584-020-
20 0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and*
21 *conversations at all times*).

22 King's conduct as described in #4 above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
23 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
24 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-
25 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
26 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate*
27 *interest in a student's personal life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B) (*Not accepting or giving or*
28 *exchanging romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student*), and OAR 584-020-
29 0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and*
30 *conversations at all times*).

31 King's conduct as described in #5 above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of

1 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
2 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-
3 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
4 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and*
5 *conversations at all times*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual conduct with a student*).

6 King's conduct as described in #6 above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
7 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
8 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-
9 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
10 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C) (*Reporting to the educator's supervisor if the educator has reason to*
11 *believe a student is or may be becoming romantically attached to the educator*).

12 King's conduct as described in #7 above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
13 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
14 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-
15 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
16 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate*
17 *interest in a student's personal life*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate*
18 *adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

19 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
20 342.175.

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby revokes the licensure of Rufus D. King.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16th day of May, 2011.

4 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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6 By: 
7 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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11 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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