

1 2. A review of VanDetta's original, August 25, 2009, C-1 application to the Commission for Oregon
2 licensure indicated VanDetta answered "yes" to character question 8, which asked if VanDetta
3 had ever been convicted of or been granted a conditional discharge for any misdemeanor, felony
4 or major traffic violation. VanDetta also answered "yes" to character question 10, which asks if
5 VanDetta had ever pled guilty or no contest to any charge for an offense listed in question 8. As
6 part of VanDetta's application, VanDetta provided court records but failed to provide a written
7 explanation of the events resulting in the "Disturbing the Peace" conviction. The Commission
8 requested VanDetta's explanation, which VanDetta provided on September 4, 2009. VanDetta's
9 written explanation described a July 2008, domestic event where VanDetta pushed his 14 year
10 old stepson. This event, as described by VanDetta, did not occur in the classroom or otherwise
11 relate to teaching, but VanDetta was sentenced to take a classroom management course. On
12 follow up, VanDetta advised that the courts wanted him to take the class to ensure VanDetta's
13 "anger issues" did not carry over to the classroom. On November 15, 2012, investigators received
14 the investigation reports related to the court documents VanDetta had provided as part of his
15 2009 application, case BAM036840. Review of these documents indicated that the conviction
16 VanDetta reported, "Disturbing the Peace", was a result of a classroom incident occurring on
17 July 9, 2008. This incident involved a female first grade student in VanDetta's California
18 classroom who complained that while VanDetta recovered an eraser from under her desk,
19 VanDetta twice pinched her leg/thigh area. Investigators have been unable to locate any
20 documents or reports regarding the domestic incident VanDetta described in his written
21 explanation. Investigators have made requests to VanDetta to provide official documents related
22 to VanDetta's domestic incident explanation, and VanDetta advised that he has been unable to
23 locate any records of the event. Investigation has determined that VanDetta's original
24 explanation for his criminal conviction as related to VanDetta's "Yes" answers on his 2009
25 application are not consistent with the facts of the event in question, making this part of
26 VanDetta's application a falsification and misrepresentation of the facts.
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28 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

29 VanDetta's conduct described above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
30 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional*
31 *judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing*
32 *misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties*).
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2 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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4 **FINAL ORDER**

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6 The Commission hereby suspends William Daniel VanDetta's right to apply for licensure for
7 a period of thirty (30) days, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th day of February, 2014.

9 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION



10 By: _____
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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15 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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17 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
18 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF
19 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO
20 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:

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Dated this 20th day of February, 2014.

By: Patty Liddell
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