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Benjamin Patterson (6323)
Discipline Order

1 included Custodial Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree (ORS 163.452), a class C
2 felony; Custodial Sexual Misconduct in the second degree (ORS 163.454), a class A
3 misdemeanor; Official Misconduct in the First Degree (ORS 162.415), a class A
4 misdemeanor; and Supplying Contraband (ORS 162.185), a class C felony. On March
5 15, 2013, Patterson pled guilty to and was convicted of Custodial Sexual Misconduct
6 in the second degree (ORS 163.454), a class A misdemeanor. Patterson was
7 sentenced to a 30 days in jail, two years' probation, and required to register as a sex
8 offender.

- 9 3. Patterson's conviction arose from allegations that on or about November 2008,
10 Patterson engaged in sexual contact with an inmate of the facility where Patterson
11 was employed as a food services coordinator. As the food services coordinator,
12 Patterson had supervisory responsibility, including some direction and control over
13 prison inmates.

14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

15 Patterson's conviction detailed above, and the conduct underlying Patterson's
16 charges and conviction constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
17 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
18 *professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-
19 020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the*
20 *law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*). This conduct also constitutes gross
21 unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of*
22 *violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of*
23 *conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other*
24 *means*), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting*
25 *criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

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

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby revokes Benjamin Carl Patterson's right to apply for
3 licensure.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th day of May, 2015.

5 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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8 By: _____
9 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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12 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

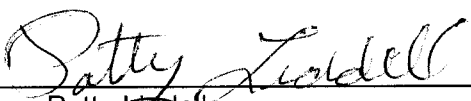
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15 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
16 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
17 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
18 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON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

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:

Benjamin Carl Patterson
3718 Hawthorne Avenue NE
Salem, OR 97301-7738

Dated this 20th day of May, 2015.

By: 
Patty Liddell
Investigative Assistant