

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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Teacher Standards &
Practices Commission

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS,
4 Teaching License of) SURRENDER AND
5 JEROME G. METTEE) ORDER OF REVOCATION

6 On February 16, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
7 received a report from Marilyn McGlasson, Superintendent, Banks School District, indicating
8 that Jerome G. Mettee (Mettee), had been charged by the Forest Grove Police Department for
9 making a false police report.

10 Mr. Mettee fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation. After review of the
11 matters alleged, Mr. Mettee and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together
12 with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and voluntary surrender
13 of his teaching license as per OAR 584-050-0027.

14 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to
15 be imposed. Mr. Mettee stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's
16 files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In
17 entering into this stipulation, Mr. Mettee waives the right to a hearing to contest the finding of
18 fact, conclusion of law and order set forth below. Mr. Mettee understands that the Commission
19 will revoke his teaching license effective August 5, 2005.

20 This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
21 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Mettee nor the
22 Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Mr. Mettee retains all rights to a hearing on
23 the allegations.

24 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

25 1. Mr. Mettee holds a Basic Teaching License valid January 29, 2004, through
26 January 31, 2007, with endorsements in Basic Health Education and Basic Physical Education.

1 2. Mr. Mettee was employed by Banks School District from August of 1985 through
2 June of 2005. On March 14, 2005, Mr. Mettee notified the District that he would not be returning
3 for the 2005-2006 school year.

4 3. Mr. Mettee received positive teaching evaluations during his 20 year service as a
5 middle school teacher for Banks School District.

6 4. On December 2, 1994, Mr. Mettee falsely reported to Hillsboro Police Department
7 that he was physically assaulted in the parking lot at Tualaity Hospital.

8 5. On October 6, 1999, Mr. Mettee falsely reported to Banks Police that he saw a man
9 with a gun in the parking lot of Banks Junior High School. The school was locked down and law
10 enforcement from Washington County responded. On February 9, 2005, Mr. Mettee admitted to
11 Forest Grove Police that he made up the incident regarding the gunman on school campus at
12 Banks School District in 1999.

13 6. On February 1, 2005, Mr. Mettee falsely reported to the Forest Grove Police
14 Department that he was assaulted by two men and stabbed during a robbery attempt.

15 7. On April 18, 2005, Mr. Mettee was convicted for Initiating a False Report in the Circuit
16 Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. The court sentenced Mr. Mettee to two
17 years probation, 120 hours community service and ordered him to not use 911, unless a true
18 emergency. Mr. Mettee was also ordered to seek counseling and to remain in counseling until
19 his counselor and Probation Officer give him permission to terminate.

20 8. Mr. Mettee voluntarily sought treatment from a mental health provider prior to the
21 court order.

22 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

23 Jerome G. Mettee
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25 Victoria Chamberlain
26 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
27 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Mr. Mettee's engagement in criminal behavior and conviction for Initiating False Report are violations of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). This conduct constitutes Gross Unfitness. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

ORDER

The Commission accepts the voluntary surrender of Jerome G. Mettee's Basic Teaching License and hereby revokes said license.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 9 day of August, 2005.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By *Victoria Chamberlain*
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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