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BEFORE THE
TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Application)
for Teaching License of:)
TONY LEE BROWN,) FINAL ORDER
) (By Default)
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8 On February 26, 1996, Tony Lee Brown (Brown) filed an
9 application with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10 (Commission) for an Oregon teaching license. In his application,
11 Brown informed the Commission that he had been convicted of the
12 crime of stalking in California. The Commission conducted an
13 investigation and on July 12, 1996, took action to deny Brown's
14 application. On August 5, 1996, the Commission issued a Notice
15 of Opportunity for Hearing to Brown. Brown requested a hearing
16 on August 19, 1996. The Commission scheduled a hearing for
17 October 10, 1996, at 9 a.m. in Salem, Oregon and informed Brown
18 of the date and location of the hearing on September 4, 1996.
19 The Commission appointed a three-member panel to conduct the
20 hearing.

21 At approximately 8:40 a.m. on October 10, Brown left a
22 telephone message at the Commission offices stating that Brown
23 was not prepared for the hearing and requesting a postponement of
24 the hearing.

25 Brown's request for postponement is denied. Brown was
26 provided notice of the charges against him on August 5, 1996. He

1 was advised of the date, time and place of the hearing on
2 September 4. He was provided copies of documents related to the
3 evidence against him on September 4 and again on September 30.
4 These documents included copies of court documents and copies of
5 police reports related to the charges against him. The
6 Commission finds that Brown did not make a timely request for a
7 postponement, and he did not state sufficient grounds to allow a
8 postponement.

9 Brown did not appear at the hearing on October 10, 1996.
10 The Commission finds Brown to be in default. The Commission
11 makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law based
12 on the record of this case consisting of the files and records of
13 the Commission in this matter.

14 FINDINGS OF FACT

15 1. Brown applied for a basic Oregon teaching license with
16 an endorsement in physical education on February 26, 1996.

17 2. On October 26, 1990, the Superior Court of San
18 Bernadino County, California granted a restraining order against
19 Brown. The restraining order prohibited Brown from contacting,
20 molesting, attacking, striking, threatening, sexually assaulting,
21 battering, telephoning or disturbing the peace of Adriana
22 Armstrong or her two minor children. The order further required
23 Brown to immediately move from Armstrong's residence at 14535
24 Flathead Road, Apple Valley, California. Brown was also required
25 under the order to stay at least 500 yards from Ms. Armstrong and
26 her residence.

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1 3. On July 19, 1991, Brown was arrested for violating the
2 restraining order by going to Armstrong's home without her
3 permission and subjecting her to verbal abuse.

4 4. On April 20, 1992, Armstrong reported to the police
5 that Brown had stolen items from Armstrong's garage.
6 Subsequently on November 18, 1992, the police carried out a
7 search warrant at Brown's home and found the property that
8 Armstrong had reported stolen.

9 5. On May 23, 1992, Brown entered Armstrong's home without
10 her permission by breaking through the front door. While in the
11 house, Brown got into a physical altercation with a male visitor
12 in Armstrong's home.

13 6. On July 20, 1992, Brown was arrested for violation of
14 the restraining order for coming to Ms. Armstrong's home and
15 refusing to leave.

16 7. On September 10, 1992, Brown was arrested for "spousal
17 abuse." On this occasion, Brown came to Armstrong's home at
18 8 a.m. in the morning. Brown entered the home without permission
19 and confronted Armstrong in her bedroom, where he subjected
20 Armstrong to physical abuse by striking her on the face and body
21 and stuffing a towel into Armstrong's mouth.

22 8. On October 15, 1992, Brown was arrested for the crime
23 of stalking for coming to Armstrong's house without her
24 permission, ringing the door bell and running away from the
25 house.

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1 ORDER

2 The application for an Oregon teaching license of Tony Lee
3 Brown is hereby DENIED.

4 Dated this 10th day of December, 1996.

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6 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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8 David V. Myton, Executive Secretary
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11 **NOTICE: YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER.**
12 **JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION**
13 **FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS**
14 **ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS**
15 **OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.**
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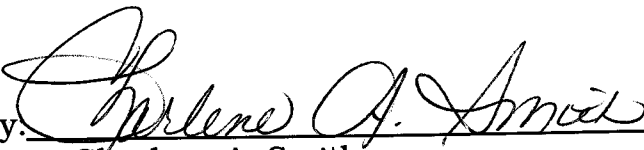
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Order by mailing a true copy thereof, certified by me as such, by U.S. first class mail, and U. S. Certified Mail, with Return Receipt Requested addressed to:

TONY LEE BROWN
19656 BUCK CANYON DRIVE
BEND OR 97702

Dated this 10th day of December, 1996.

By: 
Charlene A. Smith
Secretary to the Commission