

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5 Teaching License of) LICENSE REVOCATION AND
6 KARL DEAN PRIEST) REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO
7) APPLY FOR A LICENSE

8 On January 4, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
9 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Karl Dean Priest (Priest) in which the Commission
10 charged him with conviction of crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3). The Notice was sent via U.S.
11 First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt #7003 2260 0000 8922 9170 to the address
12 Mr. Priest provided to the Commission. The certified mail receipt was signed by Mr. Priest and
13 returned to the Commission on January 6, 2005. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated
14 January 4, 2005, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

15 "You, Karl Dean Priest, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the
16 Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing
17 with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this
18 notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of
19 parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."
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21 Mr. Priest did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds
22 Mr. Priest to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law
23 and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

24 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 25 1. Mr. Priest currently holds a Basic Teaching License issued February 28, 2002, valid
26 until March 29, 2005, with Basic Drama and Basic Language Arts Endorsements.
- 27 2. Mr. Priest was employed by The Dalles School District from September of 1983 until
28 April 22, 2004, when he resigned his employment with the District.
- 29 3. On or about November 29, 2004, Karl Dean Priest was convicted of two counts of
30 Encouraging Child Sex Abuse II, ORS 163.686, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for
31 the County of Wasco.

1 4. On or about November 29, 2004, Karl Dean Priest was convicted of two counts of
2 Official Misconduct I, ORS 162.415, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of
3 Wasco.

4 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 Mr. Priest's convictions for Encouraging Child Sex Abuse II, as defined in ORS 163.686
6 are listed in ORS 342.143(3). The Commission is required to revoke the Oregon Basic
7 Teaching License issued to Karl Dean Priest and revoke his right to apply for a license pursuant
8 to ORS 342.175(2).

9 Mr. Priest's convictions for Official Misconduct I, ORS 162.415 constitute Gross
10 Unfitness in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c). The Commission's authority to impose
11 discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

12 **ORDER**

13 The Commission hereby revokes the Oregon Basic Teaching License issued to Karl
14 Dean Priest and revokes his right to apply for a teaching license.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10 day of March, 2005.

16 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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18 By: Victoria Chamberlain
19 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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22 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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24 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
25 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE
26 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS
27 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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3 I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me
4 as such by U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed
5 to:
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7 Karl Dean Priest
8 300 East 12th
9 The Dalles, Oregon 97058

10 Dated this 23rd day of March, 2005.
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15 By: Melody Hanson
16 Melody Hanson, Executive Assistant
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