



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D23-05-044
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SAMUEL CAFFEY)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 530801J)	OF MANDATORY
)	PERMANENT REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from Shelton School District regarding the above referenced Educator, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds that SAMUEL CAFFEY (“Educator”) has been convicted of a crime listed in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.400.322 and per RCW 28A.410.090(4) does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 530801J, based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 11, 2016, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 530801J. The Educator’s certificate will expire on June 30, 2025.
2. During the 2022–23 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at Shelton High School as a school counselor.
3. On May 24, 2023, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Wyeth Jessee, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator committed an act of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-87-060.

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4. In October and November 2022, the Educator made inappropriate comments to Student A, a female high school student, including, but not limited to:
 - a. He wished they were the same age;
 - b. Asking her to wait for him until she graduated high school;
 - c. Telling her that he wanted to kiss her; and,
 - d. Telling her that he wanted to marry her.
5. During the 2022–23 school year, the Educator exchanged electronic messages through social media apps with Student B, a 14-year-old female student.
6. On February 13, 2023, the Educator began a romantic-type relationship with Student B.
7. On February 14, 2023, the Educator gave two marijuana vape cartridges to Student B.
8. From on or about February 13, 2023, to April 5, 2023, the Educator engaged in sexual activity with Student B on Shelton High School grounds during regular school hours.
9. From on or about February 13, 2023, to April 5, 2023, the Educator engaged in sexual contact and intercourse with Student B.
10. On April 5, 2023, after being found with Student B in a wooded area, Mason County Sheriff's Office began an investigation.
11. On April 10, 2023, the Educator was placed on administrative leave by the School District.
12. On May 8, 2023, the Educator was issued a Notice of Discharge and Non-Renewal by the School District.

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13. On June 7, 2023, an Information and Declaration of Probable Cause were filed in Mason County Superior Court charging the Educator with:

- a. Rape of a Child 3rd Degree, RCW 9A.44.079;
- b. Child Molestation 3rd Degree, RCW 9A.44.089; and,
- c. Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Person under 18 years of age, RCW 69.50.406.

14. On January 23, 2024, a First Amended Information was filed in Mason County Superior Court amending the charges against the Educator to one count of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree, RCW 9A.44.079. A Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty was also filed.

15. On February 27, 2024, the Educator was found guilty, by plea, of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree and was sentenced to forty-one (41) months confinement, nineteen (19) months community custody after release from confinement, sex offender registration, and other conditions.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. RCW Chapter 28A.410 gives the Professional Educator Standards Board the authority to develop regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of the state of Washington. OSPI acts as the administrator of those statutes and regulations and has the authority to issue, reprimand, suspend, and revoke education certificates.

RCW 28A.410.010; RCW 28A.410.090. Chapters 181-86 and 181-87 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) further implement OSPI's authority.

2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter of this action.

3. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-070, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of a crime specified in RCW 28A.410.090(4).

4. Pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4) and WAC 181-86-013(1), (2), a plea of guilty or a conviction of Rape of a Child 3rd Degree, RCW 9A.44.079, mandates OSPI to permanently revoke the Educator's certificate.

5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-170, WAC 181-86-013(4), and WAC 181-86-014, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator has a behavioral problem that endangers the educational welfare or personal safety of students.

6. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-075, permanent revocation is appropriate discipline when (1) the superintendent of public instruction has determined that the education practitioner has committed a felony crime under WAC 181-86-013 (1) or (2) which bars the education practitioner from any future practice as an education practitioner.

7. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven factors, at a minimum, are to be considered to determine the appropriate level and range of educator discipline:

- (1) The seriousness of the act(s) and the actual or potential harm to persons or property;
- (2) The person's criminal history including the seriousness and amount of activity;
- (3) The age and maturity level of participant(s) at the time of the activity;
- (4) The proximity or remoteness of time in which the acts occurred;
- (5) Any activity that demonstrates a disregard for health, safety or welfare;
- (6) Any activity that demonstrates a behavioral problem;
- (7) Any activity that demonstrates a lack of fitness;
- (8) Any information submitted regarding discipline imposed by any governmental or private entity as a result of acts or omissions;
- (9) Any information submitted that demonstrates aggravating or mitigating circumstances;
- (10) Any information submitted to support character and fitness; and
- (11) Any other relevant information submitted.

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8. Based on the foregoing facts, and considering them in light of the eleven factors enumerated in WAC 181-86-080, and in light of WAC 181-86-075, RCW 28A.410.090(4), WAC 181-87, and WAC 181-86, the Educator's education certificate should be permanently revoked for demonstrating a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013(1), committing an act of unprofessional conduct pursuant to WAC 181-87-060 and WAC 181-87-080, and being convicted of a felony crime under RCW 28A.410.090(4) which bars the Educator from any future practice as an educator.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 530801J of SAMUEL CAFFEY is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2024.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Matthew A. Schultz
Chief Legal and Civil Rights Officer