



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D24-03-014
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BEAUDEAN SAWYER)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 560190A)	OF REVOCATION
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Based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that BEAUDEAN SAWYER (“Educator”) lacks the good moral character and personal fitness necessary to serve as a certificated educator, as per Washington Administrative Code (“WAC”) 181-86-013 and -014, and does hereby REVOKE the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 560190A based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 19, 2019, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 560190A. The Educator’s certificate, a Residency Administrator First Issue, has no expiration date.
2. On March 7, 2024, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) became aware the Educator had been arrested and charged with a felony offense listed within WAC 181-86-013. Per WAC 181-86-100, OSPI shall cause an investigation when it becomes aware from whatever source that an education practitioner has been arrested, charged, or convicted of any felony offense listed within WAC 181-86-013 (1) or (2).

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3. On or about May 29, 2021, the Educator had sexual contact with his biological sister. The Educator's sister was incapacitated at the time and unable to provide consent.

4. In January 2023, the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory identified the Educator's DNA in a fluid sample taken from the victim's skin.

5. On February 24, 2023, an Information and Arresting Officer's Declaration of Probable Cause were filed in Clark County Superior Court. The Educator was charged with Indecent Liberties, Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 9A.44.100(1)(b), and Incest 2nd Degree, RCW 9A.64.020(2).

6. On February 1, 2024, an Amended Information was filed in Clark County Superior Court amending the charges against the Educator to Assault 4th Degree with Sexual Motivation, RCW 9A.36.041. The felony charges of Indecent Liberties and Incest 2nd Degree were dropped.

7. On February 1, 2024, a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty was filed. In the Statement, the Educator wrote, in part, "However, I am willing to plead guilty to assault in the fourth degree with sexual motivation as a compromise to avoid the risk of a felony conviction pursuant to In Re: Barr and State v Newton."

8. On April 10, 2024, the Educator, was found guilty, by plea, of Assault 4th Degree – Domestic Violence - with Sexual Motivation and sentenced to 364 days confinement with 334 days suspended for a period of twenty-four (24) months, thirty (30) days confinement to be served through work release, complete a psychosexual evaluation and comply with provider recommendations, and additional conditions.

9. On September 6, 2024, OPP received a statement from the Educator in which he stated that he did not commit the actions attributed to him by his sister.

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II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW


1. Revised Code of Washington (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 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator lacks the good moral character and/or personal fitness necessary to serve as a certificated employee in schools in the state of Washington, including the character and personal fitness to have contact with, to teach, and to perform supervision of children.
4. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-075, a revocation is appropriate discipline when (2) the superintendent of public instruction has determined that the education practitioner has not committed a felony crime under WAC 181-86-013 (1) or (2) but the superintendent of public instruction has determined the education practitioner has committed an act of unprofessional conduct or lacks good moral character or personal fitness and revocation is appropriate.
5. 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.
6. 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, WAC 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014, the Educator's education certificate should be revoked for a being convicted of a crime within the last 10 years which would materially and substantially impair the individual's worthiness and ability to serve as a professional within the public and private schools of the state.

III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 560190A of BEAUDEAN SAWYER is **REVOKED**.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2025.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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