



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Jerome Altheide
OSPI Case Number: D12-03-011
Document: Mandatory Permanent Revocation

Regarding your request for information about the above-named educator; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Professional Practices. These records are considered certified by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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The following information has been withheld: **None**

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the information that was redacted, if any, please contact:

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D12-03-011
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JEROME B. ALTHEIDE)	AMENDED FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 122365J)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
)	REVOCATION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington, having reviewed the file of the above-referenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby permanently revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 122365J, of Jerome B. Altheide, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jerome B. Altheide was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 122365J, on December 14, 1962. That certificate currently remains valid.

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2. The Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive information through *The Olympian* newspaper, dated March 5, 2012, alleging that Jerome B. Altheide had pleaded guilty to felony criminal charges of possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit acts.

3. On or about November 18, 2010 through May 12, 2011, Jerome Altheide possessed depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct on his home computer to include, but not limited to sexual intercourse; Washington State Patrol Case No. 10-017743; Seattle Police Department Case No. 10-402262.

4. December 1, 2010, Washington State Patrol Investigative Service Bureau received information from Seattle Police Internet Crimes against Children Unit that Jerome B. Altheide had downloaded and browsed suspected child pornography files; Washington State Patrol Case No. 10-017743; Seattle Police Department Case No. 10-402262.

5. On December 2, 2011, Certification of Probable Cause was filed in Thurston County Superior Court alleging that Jerome B. Altheide committed the crime of Possession of Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct (4 counts); Thurston County Superior Court Case No. 11-1-01862-1.

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6. On February 23, 2012, a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Sex Offense (Felony) was filed in Thurston County Superior Court. Jerome B. Altheide signed and admitted that on or between November 18, 2010 and May 2, 2011, he knowingly possessed depictions of minors involved in sexually explicit conduct on his own computer, to include, but not limited to, sexual intercourse; Thurston County Superior Court Case No. 11-1-01862-1.

7. OPP advised Jerome B. Altheide of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. On March 10, 2012, John Sinclair advised OPP that his client, Jerome B. Altheide, would not be interviewing with OPP.

8. On March 29, 2012, a Felony Judgment and Sentence was filed in Thurston County Superior Court, convicting Jerome B. Altheide, of one (1) Count Possession of Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct in the First Degree, RCW 9.68.070(1), RCW 9.68A.011(4); Charges two (2), three (3), and four(4) were dismissed; Thurston County Superior Court Case No. 11-1-01862-1.

9. Jerome B. Altheide has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(3). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.

10. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Jerome B. Altheide and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No.122365J, of Jerome B. Altheide, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.
3. Jerome B. Altheide has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 122365J, of Jerome B. Atheide, be permanently revoked.

DATED This 24th day of July, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Signed: Alan Burke, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education

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