



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Christopher Katke
OSPI Case Number: D14-11-082
Document: Final Order of 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**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D14-11-082
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Christopher Katke)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 397949R)	OF REVOCATION
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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 revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 397949R, of Christopher Katke, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christopher Katke was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 397949R, on April 4, 2002. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Christopher Katke was employed by the Spokane School District.

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3. On October 27, 2014, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Spokane School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Christopher Katke.

4. On December 1, 2011 Catherine Charbonneau contacted Hillsboro Police Department, Hillsboro, OR and stated she was sexually abused by her cousin Christopher Katke in Hillsboro and Spokane, WA between 1990 and 1997. Catherine Charbonneau reported the sexual abuse started when she was 4 years old and Christopher Katke was 14 years old. According to Catherine Charbonneau, the sexual abuse stopped when she was 11 years old and Christopher Katke was 23 years old. Catherine Charbonneau advised her cousin Tamara Hughes was also abused by Christopher Katke in Spokane. Hillsboro Police Department Case Number 11-810588.

5. On December 4, 2012 after receiving Hillsboro Police Department's report, Spokane Police Department (SPD), contacted Tamara Hughes concerning allegations she was sexually abused in Spokane. Tamara Hughes recalled when she was 13 or 14 years old (1995 or 1996), she stayed at Christopher Katke's parent's residence in Spokane. She was awakened from a sleep when someone attempted to touch her breast and licked her on her cheek. Hillsboro Police Department Case Number 11-810588, Spokane Police Department Case number 12-002393.

6. On January 10, 2012, SPD charged Christopher Katke with Rape of Child in the first degree (6) six counts in District Court, Spokane Washington. Spokane Police Department Case number 12-002393.

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7. On January 11, 2012, Spokane Public Schools placed Christopher Katke on administrative leave with pay.

8. On January 19, 2012, Spokane Prosecutor's Office declined to prosecute Christopher Katke on the rape of Catherine Charbonneau. According to SPO, the Statute of Limitations (SOL), had expired. The applicable SOL statute reads "Violations of the following statutes shall not be prosecuted more than three years after the victim's eighteenth birthday or more than seven years after their commission whichever is later."

9. On October 29, 2014 an Agreement and Release was finalized between Christopher Katke and the Spokane Public Schools. In the Agreement Christopher Katke resigned from the Spokane Public Schools effective October 31, 2014.

10. OPP requested an opportunity to interview Christopher Katke and he declined.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Christopher Katke and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 397949R, of Christopher Katke, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No.397949R, of Christopher Katke be revoked.

DATED This 2nd day of July, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Signed: Gil Mendoza, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education

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