

Belec, Gordon Frederick Joseph - Conduct Review Decision

was employed as a secondary school teacher when he became involved with a grade eleven female student in the 2005/2006 school year. Mr. Belec and the student began a friendship in secret by communicating with each other by email and text message. When the student informed Mr. Belec that she had stronger feelings for him, he took no steps to dissuade her from acting on her feelings, but rather intensified the relationship. As a consequence, Mr. Belec was arrested in 2007 and charged with sexual exploitation contrary to section 153(1)(a.) of the Criminal Code of Canada. He pled guilty to the charge of sexual exploitation on April 2007, and was sentenced to 14 days in jail and 18 months of probation with conditions. Additionally, Mr. Belec was ordered to be registered on the Sex Offender Information Registry. On October 5, 2009, the Conduct Review Sub-Committee accepted the Statement of Agreed Facts and Disposition and Mr. Belec's acknowledgment that his conduct constituted conduct unbecoming a member of the College. It was agreed that Mr. Belec not be issued Certificate of Qualification for an indefinite period of time. Mr. Belec's College teaching certificate was cancelled on November 1, 2008 for non-payment of fees.