

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMISSIONER FOR TEACHER REGULATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE *TEACHERS ACT*, SBC 2011 c. 19

AND

IN THE MATTER CONCERNING

A TEACHER

CONSENT RESOLUTION SUMMARY

This summary is published under section 54(3) of the Teachers Act to protect the identity of students who were harmed, abused or exploited by the teacher.

- 1. The Teacher held a valid Professional Certificate of Qualification which was cancelled in 2016 due to non-payment of fees.
- 2. At all material times, the Teacher was employed as a high school teacher at a school in British Columbia (the "School").
- 3. In 2015, the Commissioner received a report about the Teacher from the School principal.
- 4. After receiving the report, the Commissioner asked the Teacher to provide an undertaking not to teach in any role which required a certificate of qualification, independent school teaching certificate or letter of permission. The Teacher did provide that undertaking.
- 5. Also in 2015, the Commissioner initiated an investigation into the Teacher after learning that the Teacher had been charged with four counts of sexual exploitation.
- 6. The School terminated the Teacher's employment.
- 7. The following events occurred:
 - a. Student A was a female student at the School with whom the Teacher exchanged sexually inappropriate messages and with whom he became involved in a sexual relationship.
 - b. While exchanging messages with Student A, the Teacher disclosed private

information about other students.

- c. The Teacher was charged and convicted on two counts of sexual exploitation under s.153(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code* (touching for a sexual purpose), two counts of sexual exploitation under s.153(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code* (inviting to touch for a sexual purpose), and one count of luring a person under the age of 18 for the purpose of facilitating the commission of an offence under s.153(1), contrary to section 172.1(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code*.
- d. The Teacher was sentenced to a term of imprisonment followed by probation.
- e. The criminal proceedings are subject to a court-ordered publication ban under section 486.4 of the *Criminal Code*.
- 8. Commissioner in which the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement with the Commissioner in which the Teacher agreed that his conduct described in paragraph 7 above constitutes professional misconduct and is contrary to Standard #1 of the *Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia*, Fourth Edition, January 2012.
- 9. The Teacher agreed that he would never again apply for, and that the Director of Certification will never again issue to him, a certification of qualification, and independent school teaching certificate or a letter of permission.