



Summary

This summary is published without names under section 54(3)(a) of the Teachers Act to protect the identity of a student who was harmed, abused or exploited by a former authorized person (the “Teacher”) and in accordance with an order made by a judge of the British Columbia Provincial Court under section 486.4 of the Criminal Code of Canada that prohibits the publication, broadcast or transmission of any information that could identify the student.

The Teacher taught at the high school level. In 2011, when he had been teaching for over 20 years, the Teacher engaged in inappropriate conduct and communication with a 17 year old female student, who was in one of his classes and whom he had taught in previous years. The Teacher was photographed kissing her on the lips and the Teacher and the student exchanged hundreds of MSN messages. In these MSN messages, the Teacher:

- repeatedly told the Student that he loved her, that she was his universe, that her brain was “sexy”, and that “you and i = oneness loving completeness”,
- told her that he was “more than [her] teacher”,
- made plans to meet with the Student outside of school hours,
- referred to having erections, discussed the purchase of condoms, and made other sexually explicit statements,
- discussed ways to communicate so they could avoid family members and others becoming aware of their relationship, including discussing that cellphone calls can be traced,
- offered to provide financial assistance to her after graduation and assisted her in obtaining reference letters from other teachers for her application for a scholarship,
- made negative comments about his teaching assignments for the following year, and
- suggested “I think if we wait to july 1 it may be easier on me” [sic].

The Teacher was suspended from work when the District became aware of this conduct and his certificate of qualification was subsequently cancelled under section 37(4) of the *Teachers Act*.

In 2014, the Teacher entered into a consent resolution agreement in which:

- he admitted that his conduct was contrary to Standards #1 and 2 of the *Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia*,
- admitted that his conduct constitutes professional misconduct, and
- agreed that he will not apply for, and the Director of Certification will be required not to issue to him, a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate or a letter of permission for 10 years.