



DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

a. William Edward Stamps (Certificate Issued: 1991.06.03)

b. Conduct unbecoming a member of the College

c. The hearing was held on March 28, 2006, at the College's offices in Vancouver, B.C. This matter originated as a Registrar's Report under section 28(4) of the *Teaching Profession Act*.

d. The respondent downloaded and accessed child pornography through both the internet and his computer hard drive. He repeatedly accessed child pornography by actively searching for sites and through peer to peer sharing of pornographic images of children.

e. The Hearing Sub-Committee (the "Committee") was unanimous in its decision that Mr. Stamps exhibited behaviour which constituted conduct unbecoming a member of the College.

The Committee determined that the facts in this case clearly indicated that Mr. Stamps did knowingly have in his possession, stored and accessed child pornography through both the internet and his computer hard drive. After reviewing the report from the computer forensic expert, the Panel was convinced by the sheer volume of pornographic material that Mr. Stamps' activity was purposeful and voluntary.

The Committee noted that the public must have confidence that the College is protecting its students. Permitting an individual who repeatedly seeks out and views sexually degrading images of children to continue to operate in the school system would be entirely unacceptable to the community at large. The Panel does not view accessing child pornography as a victimless crime. The demand for this type of image requires a supply of young people that are abused in horrendous ways to create this type of inventory. Teachers are rightfully expected to be on the front line of the offensive to protect children from this type of abuse.

d. The Committee considered the submissions presented by counsel on penalty, publication and costs. It was unanimously decided that the appropriate penalty be a cancellation of Mr. Stamps' teaching certificate. With respect to costs, Counsel for the College did not seek costs for this proceeding from the respondent. In the matter of publication, the Committee decided that Mr. Stamps' name be released in accordance with College bylaws.