

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF NEBRASKA

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.)
Commissioner of Education)
301 Centennial Mall South - 6th Floor)
P.O. Box 94933)
Lincoln, NE 68509-4933)

Petitioner,)

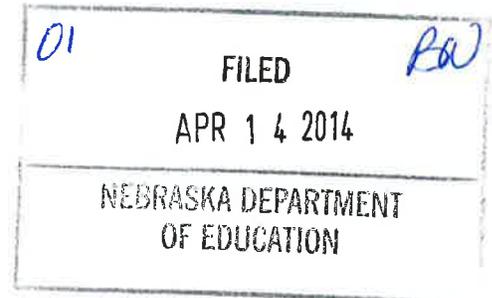
vs.)

Amanda M. Ludwig, #R89846)
Logan Correctional Center)
P.O. Box 1000)
Lincoln, IL 52656,)

Respondent.)

N.P.P.C. Case No. 14-01
Case No. 14001

Findings of Fact, Conclusions
Of Law, And Recommendation
Of the Commission



I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This case commenced with the filing of a Petition on January 9, 2014, by Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner." The Petition was filed against Amanda M. Ludwig, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent." The Petitioner alleges certain acts of conduct by the Respondent in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-866(2) (Reissue 2008); Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27, 004.02G (effective date: November 12, 2003).

On January 22, 2014, the Petition, Notice of Right to Submit an Answer, and a copy of Title 95, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 1 (effective date: October 30, 1993), were served upon Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

The Respondent has failed to file an Answer to the Petition. On February 20, 2014, the Petitioner filed a Motion for Default Judgment. On or about February 21, 2014, Kathi Vontz, Clerk of the Commission filed a Request for Support Information. On or about February 24, 2014, Petitioner, through his General Counsel filed the requested Support Information with the Commission.

On February 25, 2014, Kathi Vontz, Clerk of the Commission, filed a Notice of Hearing which was sent to the Respondent, postage prepaid, and delivered by hand to the Petitioner's general counsel. The Notice of Hearing advised that a public hearing on the Petition would be

held on March 29, 2014, commencing at approximately 9:15 a.m. or immediately following the preceding hearing, in the State Board Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Notice further advised that the hearing would be held before a designated hearing committee of the Commission, with Jeffery R. Kirkpatrick serving as legal counsel to advise the Chair in the performance of her duties.

The Petition and Default Motion came on for hearing at the above time and place before a Hearing Panel of the Commission consisting of Commission Members: Susan J. Anglemyer, Sarah Brown, Michael Cobelens, Susan Johnson, Raymond Keller, Brian Maher, Damon McDonald, Joy Schott, Darolyn Seay, Karen Shelton and Jane Stavem. Commissioner Johnson served as Chairperson. The proceedings were reported by Wendy Cutting of General Reporting Services, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Petitioner appeared by Brian L. Halstead, General Counsel. Neither the Respondent nor anyone representing the Respondent appeared. Exhibits were received in evidence and the Petitioner's General Counsel made his closing argument.

Thereupon the Commission deliberated based on the record before it, and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Petitioner, Matthew L. Blomstedt, is the Commissioner of Education for the State of Nebraska.
2. The Respondent is Amanda M. Ludwig, #89846, Logan Correctional Center, P.O. Box 1000, Lincoln, IL 52656.
3. The Respondent holds a Nebraska public initial teaching certificate number 200900419, endorsed in Art K-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2014.
4. On August 26, 2013, the State of Illinois revoked the Respondent's Illinois teaching certificate after the Respondent was found guilty of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and sentenced to five years of incarceration for having an inappropriate relationship with a male student while she was employed as a teacher for Peoria School District 150.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction in this case, and all proceedings have been in accordance with applicable Constitutional, Statutory, and Regulatory requirements.
2. The Petitioner has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent committed an immoral act in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-866(2) (Reissue 2008) which, in part, states, "The board may, for just cause, revoke or suspend any teacher's or administrator's certificate. Violation of the standards established pursuant to this section, commission of an immoral act, or conviction of a felony under the laws

of this state shall constitute just cause for the revocation or suspension of a teacher's or administrator's certificate by the board."

3. The Petitioner has further proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent violated Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27, Section 004.02G (effective date: November 12, 2003) which states, "the Educator: Shall not have had revoked for cause a teaching certificate, administrative certificate, or any certificate enabling a person to engage in any of the activities for which a special services certificate is issued in Nebraska.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, the Commission respectfully recommends to the State Board of Education that the Respondent's Nebraska public initial teaching certificate number 200900419, endorsed in Art K-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2014, be permanently revoked from and after the date of final action herein by the State Board of Education.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2014.



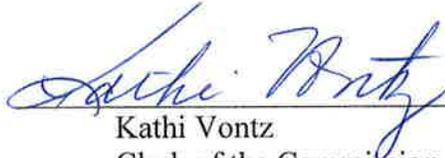
Susan Johnson, Chairperson
Hearing Committee
Nebraska Professional Practices Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation for Case No. 14-01 was served upon Respondent, Amanda M. Ludwig, by certified mail, and hand delivered to Brian L. Halstead on this 15th day of April, 2014, at the following addresses

Amanda M. Ludwig, #489846
Respondent
Logan Correctional Center
P.O. Box 1000
Lincoln, IL 52656

Brian L. Halstead
Attorney for Petitioner
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509



Kathi Vontz
Clerk of the Commission

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PPC Case No. 14-01
Case No. 14001

TRANSCRIPT

Petitioner,)

VOLUME I of I
(Pages 1 through 10)
EXHIBITS 1-3

vs.)

Amanda M. Ludwig, #R89846)
Logan Correctional Center)
P.O. Box 1000)
Lincoln, IL 52656)

Respondent.)

Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Department of Education Board Room
Sixth Floor
Lincoln, NE

Convened, pursuant to notice, at 9:15 a.m., on
March 29, 2014,

BEFORE:

JEFFERY R. KIRKPATRICK, Hearing Officer.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

RAYMOND KELLER, Chairperson; SUSAN JOHNSON,
Presiding; SUSAN ANGLEMYER; SARAH BROWN; MICHAEL
COBELENS BRIAN MAHER; DAMON McDONALD; JOY SCHOTT;
DAROLYN SEAY; KAREN SHELTON; and JANE STAVEM.

OTHERS PRESENT:

KATHI VONTZ, Clerk of the Commission

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A P P E A R A N C E S

For the Commissioner: Brian L. Halstead, #18077
 Assistant Commissioner/
 General Counsel
 Department of Education
 301 Centennial Mall South
 Sixth Floor
 Lincoln, NE 68509

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EXHIBITS:

Marked Offered Ruled On Found

1	Pleadings (59 pages)	5	6	6	Appendix
2	Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27 (16 pages)	5	6	6	Appendix
3	Title 95, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 1 (19 pages)	5	6	6	Appendix

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Appearances	2
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Motion	8
Decision	10

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1 PROCEEDINGS:

2 (Exhibits 1 through 3 were marked for
3 identification.)

4 CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: Ladies and gentlemen, I am
5 Susan Johnson, chairperson of this hearing panel of the
6 Nebraska Professional Practices Commission. I convene this
7 hearing at 9:15 a.m. for the purpose of receiving evidence
8 on a petition filed by Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner
9 of Education, Petitioner, against Amanda M. Ludwig, Case
10 No. 14-01.

11 The other members of the hearing committee are
12 Susan Anglemyer, Sarah Brown, Michael Cobelens, Raymond
13 Keller, Brian Maher, Damon McDonald, Joy Schott, Darolyn
14 Seay, Karen Shelton, and Jane Stavem.

15 The Commission's attorney is Jeffery Kirkpatrick.
16 His purpose is to advise the hearing panel, chairperson,
17 and the Commission on the performance of our duties under
18 the Commission's rule and regulations.

19 The court reporter, of course, is Wendy Cutting.
20 Her purpose is to record the testimony of the witnesses and
21 mark the exhibits.

22 The Clerk of the Commission is wonderful Kathi
23 Vontz. Her purpose is administrative.

24 This case arises from a request by the State
25 Board of Education that the Commission hear this matter

1 pursuant to Sections 79-859 through 79-871 of the Nebraska
2 statutes and the rules and regulations thereunder.

3 At this time I ask the attorneys to enter --

4 MR. HALSTEAD: Brian Halstead, 301 Centennial
5 Mall South, Sixth Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, on behalf
6 of the Commissioner of Education.

7 CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: Let the record show the
8 respondent is not present, or no one on behalf of the
9 respondent.

10 So, I will enter into the record the pleadings
11 which are marked as Exhibit 1; the standards of ethics and
12 competency, which is 92 Nebraska Administrative Code,
13 Chapter 27, and is marked as Exhibit 2; and the
14 Regulations Concerning Teacher and Administrator
15 Professional Practices Hearings, which is 95 Nebraska
16 Administrative Code, Chapter 1, and is marked as Exhibit 3.
17 Are there any objections?

18 MR. HALSTEAD: I have no objections.

19 CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: Exhibits 1, 2, 3 are
20 received.

21 (Exhibits 1 through 3 were received in evidence.
22 See Index.)

23 At this time the hearing committee's attorney
24 will conduct the hearing.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Halstead, anything
05.09.14 State Board of Education 7211

1 you'd like to say in opening?

2 MR. HALSTEAD: I'd waive an opening.

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Any further evidence?

4 MR. HALSTEAD: I have no further evidence.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Are you prepared to close?

6 MR. HALSTEAD: I'm prepared to close.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Halstead,
8 you may proceed.

9 MR. HALSTEAD: Ladies and gentlemen of the
10 Commission, as you can see from the pleadings in this case
11 and the information filed, Ms. Ludwig holds a Nebraska
12 teaching certificate at the moment. She has gotten her
13 Illinois teaching certificate revoked by the State of
14 Illinois for her criminal conviction of aggravated
15 criminal sexual abuse for which she's now serving five
16 years' incarceration in a penal facility in the state of
17 Illinois. She was a teacher with the Peoria School
18 District when she began a relationship with a middle
19 school student there that involved sexting and ultimately
20 sexual relations with the student.

21 It would be the position of the Commissioner of
22 Education that there's sufficient evidence to permanently
23 revoke her certificate in the state of Nebraska. And with
24 that, I'd answer any questions you might have.

1 CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: The hearing committee will
2 now adjourn and will consider the evidence. The hearing
3 committee's decision will be reduced to writing. A copy
4 of the hearing committee's findings, conclusions, and
5 decision will be furnished to the parties. If the decision
6 includes a recommendation to suspend or revoke the
7 respondent's certificate, the findings, conclusions, and
8 recommendation will be presented to the State Board of
9 Education.

10 I now declare this hearing adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

11 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.
12 to be reconvened after executive session and deliberation of
13 the evidence.)

14 (Back on the record 9:25 a.m.)

15 CHAIRPERSON KELLER: Is there a motion regarding
16 the Commission's recommendation on Case No. 14-01?

17 COMMISSIONER ANGLEMYER: I move that the Nebraska
18 Professional Practices Commission adopts the facts and
19 findings and conclusions of law and recommend to the State
20 Board of Education that the certification of Amanda Ludwig
21 be permanently revoked.

22 CHAIRPERSON KELLER: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER COBELENS: I'll second it.

24 CHAIRPERSON KELLER: It has been moved and

25 seconded to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of
05.09.14 State Board of Education 7-2-13

1 law and recommend that the certificate of Amanda Ludwig be
2 permanently revoked. Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRPERSON KELLER: Will the clerk please call
5 the roll?

6 THE CLERK: Anglemyer.

7 COMMISSIONER ANGLEMYER: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Brown.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Cobelens.

11 COMMISSIONER COBELENS: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Johnson.

13 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Keller.

15 CHAIRPERSON KELLER: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Maher.

17 COMMISSIONER MAHER: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: McDonald.

19 COMMISSIONER McDONALD: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Schott.

21 COMMISSIONER SCHOTT: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Seay.

23 COMMISSIONER SEAY: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Shelton.

25 COMMISSIONER SHELTON: Yes.

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THE CLERK: Stavem.

CHAIRPERSON STAVEM: Yes.

(Whereupon, at 9:25 a.m. on March 29, 2014, the proceedings were concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above Notice dated February 25, 2014, for Case Number 14-01, was mailed to Amanda M. Ludwig, Respondent, by U.S. Mail postage prepaid, and delivered by hand to Brian Halstead, Attorney for the Respondent, on this 25th day of February, 2014, at the following addresses.

Amanda M. Ludwig, #489846
Respondent
Logan Correctional Center
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Lincoln, IL 52656

Brian Halstead
Attorney for Petitioner
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Lincoln, NE 68509



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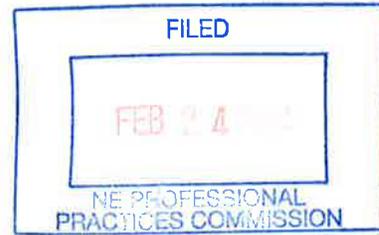
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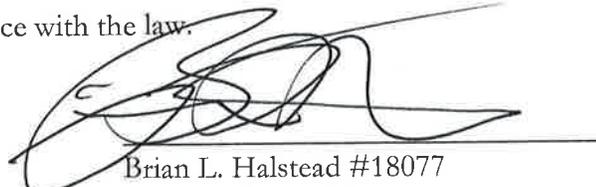
SUPPORT INFORMATION



COMES NOW the Petitioner, by and through the undersigned attorney of record, and pursuant to the Commission's Request for Support Information, submits the following information requested as provided in Title 95, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 1, Section 003.05:

1. Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 28, a copy of which is attached and marked as Exhibit "A", and by this reference is incorporated herein;
2. Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 29, a copy of which is attached and marked as Exhibit "B", and by this reference is incorporated herein;
3. An Affidavit of Kevin Peters, Director for the Teacher Education/Certification Division of the Nebraska Department of Education, a copy of which is attached and marked as Exhibit "C", and by this reference is incorporated herein; and
4. The Order of the State Superintendent of Education of the Illinois State Board of Education; and Order and Judgment of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Peoria County, copies of which are collectively attached and marked as Exhibit "D", and by this reference is incorporated herein.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that the Commission make a recommendation to the State Board of Education that is in accordance with the law.



Brian L. Halstead #18077
Attorney for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the above motion and exhibits was mailed to the parties of record, by U. S. mail, sufficient postage prepaid, on this 24th day of February 2014.



Brian L. Halstead #18077
General Counsel
P. O. Box 94933
Lincoln, NE 68509

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

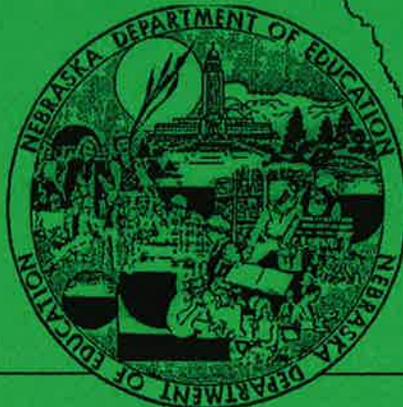
RULE 28

REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND
NONPUBLIC PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES HEARINGS

TITLE 92, NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
CHAPTER 28

EFFECTIVE DATE
DECEMBER 25, 1989

State of Nebraska
Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509



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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

RULE 29

REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES CASE
DETERMINATIONS BY THE STATE BOARD

TITLE 92, NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
CHAPTER 29

EFFECTIVE DATE
DECEMBER 25, 1989

State of Nebraska
Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
Douglas D. Christensen, Ph.D.
Commissioner



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FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

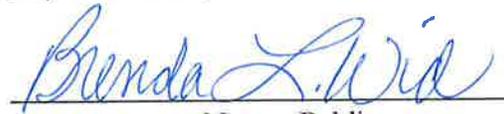
Dated this 24 day of February 2014.



Kevin Peters, Ed.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February 2014.





Notary Public

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
REVOCATION OF THE)
CERTIFICATE of)
AMANDA M. LUDWIG)
Certificate No. 2627272 (Type 10))

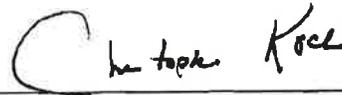
ORDER

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, being charged with the authority and responsibility for revoking certificates to teach in the State of Illinois, finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS Section 21B-80 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-80) requires the revocation of the certificate to teach of any individual convicted of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse:

WHEREAS THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION has received information and evidence, copies of which are attached, indicating that Amanda M. Ludwig has been convicted of the said offense:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT Certificate No. 2627272 (Type 10) of AMANDA M. LUDWIG be hereby revoked.



Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield, Illinois,
this 26th day of August, 2013.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
PLAINTIFF,

PEORIA COUNTY
ROBERT M. SPEARS

CASE NO. 13 CF 721

VS.

AUG 01 2013

Amanda M. Ludwig
DEFENDANT

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Judge: <u>Byers</u>	Crt Rep: <u>Putman</u>	Plt Atty: <u>Marmelstein</u>
Date: <u>8-1-2013</u>	Crt Rm: <u>22</u>	Def Atty: <u>Penn</u>
	Crt Clerk: <u>Cashman</u>	

ORDER

1. The People and the defendant announce that a tentative (~~partial~~) plea agreement has been reached by the parties and the parties disclose the agreement and the reasons for it to the Court. (402 conference held)
2. Without any agreement of any kind, the defendant announces to the Court that he desires to waive his right to a trial in this case and to enter a plea of guilty to the charge(s) of _____.
3. The defendant having previously entered a voluntary plea of guilty on _____, 20____, (to the charges) of _____.
4. The defendant having previously been found guilty on _____, 20____, by the (Court/Jury) of the charge(s) of _____.

THE COURT FULLY INFORMS THE DEFENDANT AND DETERMINES THAT HE UNDERSTANDS PURSUANT TO S.CT.RULE 402(a).

5. The nature of the charge(s) against him; and the minimum and maximum sentences and the maximum mandatory supervised release (parole) period prescribed by law for each charge against him, including where applicable, the penalty to which the defendant may be subject because of prior convictions or consecutive sentences; and his right to plead not guilty or to persist in that plea or to plead guilty; and that by pleading guilty he waives his right to a trial of any kind and that by pleading guilty he waives the right to a trial by jury and to the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him.

THE COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO IL S.C. RULE 402(b), (c), and (d):

6. The defendant's (~~partial~~) plea of guilty to the charge(s) is voluntary, and no force or threats or any promises, (apart from any plea agreement), were used to obtain the plea of guilty, and there is a factual basis for the defendant's plea of guilty, and:
- a. The plea agreement has been stated in open Court and the terms of the agreement have been confirmed by the defendant personally after he was questioned in open Court;
 - b. The defendant personally confirmed that there is no plea agreement after he was questioned in open Court;
 - c. The defendant waives his right to a pre-sentence investigation and a written pre-sentence report of the investigation, both parties having agreed to the imposition of a specific sentence, and the Court having made a finding as to the defendant's history of delinquency or criminality, including any previous sentence to a term of probation, periodic imprisonment, conditional discharge, or imprisonment;
 - d. The defendant knowingly waives his right to a preliminary hearing or to be charged by Indictment pursuant to S.Ct. Rule 401(b), and the People concur in this waiver and Information charging the defendant with aggravated criminal sexual abuse is filed on August 1, 2013.
 - e. The Court unconditionally concurs in the plea agreement presented by the parties.

THE COURT, PURSUANT TO 730 ILCS 5/5-4-1:

7. Conducts a full sentencing hearing on this date.

Clerk - White
Court Services - Green
Defendant - Yellow
State - Pink
CIS - Goldenrod

Form 9

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. That the aggravated criminal sexual abuse ~~(defendant's plea(s))~~ or [jury's verdict(s)] or [Court's finding(s)] of guilty to the charge(s) of aggravated criminal sexual abuse is accepted and entered of record, and the Court hereby enters judgment on the [plea(s)] or [verdict(s)] or [finding(s)] of guilty and convicts the defendant of said charge(s);

B. This matter is referred to the Adult Probation Office of Peoria County for a pre-sentence investigation and report, and the sentencing hearing is set for _____, 20____ at _____ a.m./p.m.;

C. That the defendant be sentenced to (Probation/Conditional Discharge/Court Supervision) for a period of _____ commencing this date and it is further ordered that the attached Certificate of Conditions of (Probation/Conditional Discharge/Court Supervision) is expressly incorporated by reference into this order;

D. The defendant is sentenced to imprisonment at the Department of Corrections of Illinois for a term of 5 years followed by a period of 2 years Mandatory Supervised Release (parole), or until the defendant is discharged by law, the Court having regard to the nature and circumstance of the offense and to the history, character and condition of the offender and being of the opinion that a sentence of imprisonment is appropriate pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-6-1 or 2, and:

(1) Said sentence is to run concurrently with the sentence in Case No(s). _____ in _____ County, State of _____;

(2) Said sentence is to run consecutively with the sentence in Case No(s). _____ in _____ County, State of _____;

(3) Said sentence to DOC is pursuant to extended term statute;

E. That the defendant is entitled to receive credit for time actually served in custody from 2-1-13 to 2-11-13 That the defendant (is) (is not) eligible for day for day credit;

F. Truth in sentencing applies. The defendant shall serve (75%) (85%) (100%) of said sentence;

G. That the defendant pay a fine of \$ _____;

H. That the defendant makes restitution to the victim(s) _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to be paid _____;

I. That a judgment be entered against the defendant for costs;

J. That the Court, pursuant to S. Ct. Rule [605(a)] [604(b)] informs the defendant of his appeal rights;

K. That a mittimus not be issued immediately but that the defendant be allowed _____, 20____ in order to wind up his affairs and the defendant is to report to the Peoria County Jail on _____, 20____ at _____ a.m./p.m.;

L. That a mittimus is to be issued and executed without delay. The defendant is remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of Peoria County for transmittal to the Department of Corrections of Illinois;

M. Bond to apply first to restitution. Bond to apply to any Peoria County Case _____;

N. That the Sheriff's Office of Peoria County is ordered to take a DNA standard from the defendant and the defendant is ordered to pay a DNA testing fee of \$ 250;

O. That the Sheriff's Office of Peoria County is ordered to perform medical testing on the defendant to determine infection of any sexually transmissible disease pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-5-3;

P. Sex offender registration pursuant to statute;

Q. Terms of partial plea agreement _____;

R. Weapon confiscated shall be destroyed;

S. Other: Perhaps indicate a federal case collateral to this is expected to be dismissed.

DATE ENTERED: 8-1-2013

JUDGE OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Clerk - White
Court Services - Green
Defendant - Yellow
State - Pink
CIS - Goldenrod

FILED
ROBERT M. SPEARS
AUG 9 1 2013
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PEORIA COUNTY ILLINOIS
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Date of Sentence 8-1-2013
Date of Birth 11-30-84
Date of Birth (Victim) 5-23-47

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
VS.

Case No. 13 CF 721

Romando M. Lueding
Defendant

FILED
ROBERT M. SPEARS

AUG 1 2013

JUDGMENT - SENTENCE TO ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS the above-named defendant has been adjudged guilty of the offenses enumerated below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant be and hereby is sentenced to confinement in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the term of years and months specified for each offense.

COUNT	DATE OF OFFENSE	STATUTORY OFFENSE	CITATION	CLASS	SENTENCE	MSR
<u>1</u>	<u>1-29-13</u>	<u>aggravated criminal sexual abuse</u>	<u>5/11-1.60(6) 720</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u> Yrs. <u>2</u> Mos. <u>2</u> Yrs	

and said sentence shall run (concurrent with)(consecutive to) the sentence imposed on: _____

_____ Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Yrs
and said sentence shall run (concurrent with)(consecutive to) the sentence imposed on: _____

_____ Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Yrs
and said sentence shall run (concurrent with)(consecutive to) the sentence imposed on: _____

The Court finds that the defendant is:

Convicted of a class _____ offense but sentenced to a class X offender pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-5-3(c)

The Court finds that the defendant is entitled to receive credit for time actually served in custody from 2-1-13 [specify date(s)] to 2-11-13 from 8-1-13 to _____ from _____ to _____
to transmittal to DOC

The Court further finds that the conduct leading to conviction for the offenses enumerated in counts _____ resulted in great bodily harm to the victim. (730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(2)(iii)).

The Court further finds that the defendant meets the eligibility requirements and is approved for placement in the impact incarceration program. If the Department accepts the defendant and determines that the defendant has successfully completed program, the sentence shall be reduced to time considered served upon certification to the Court by the Department that the defendant has successfully completed the program. Written consent is attached.

The Court further finds that offense was committed as a result of the use of, abuse of, or addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sentence(s) imposed on count(s) _____ be (concurrent with) (consecutive to) the sentence imposed in case number _____ in the Circuit Court of _____ County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant serve 75% 85% 100% of said sentence.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court deliver a certified copy of this order to the Sheriff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff take the defendant into custody and deliver him to the Department of Corrections which shall confine said defendant until expiration of his sentence or until he is otherwise released by operation of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that _____

KEVIN W. LYONS
Resident Judge
Peoria County Courthouse
Peoria, IL 61602

This order is (effective immediately) (stayed until _____)

Date 8-1-2013

ENTER: 8-1-13

Approved 12/14/07 by Conference of the Chief Judges
05.09.14 State Board of Education

[Signature]
(PLEASE PRINT JUDGE'S NAME HERE) 7-2-27

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, via certified mail, postage prepaid, on August 29, 2013, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

Amanda M. Ludwig R89846
P.O. Box 1000
Lincoln, IL 62656

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents by electronic mail, on August 29, 2013, on the following at the address shown:

Vicki Phillips, Secretary
State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
100 North 1st Street
Springfield IL 62777
vphillip@isbe.net

The Honorable Bruce Brown
North Suburban Cook ROE #05
2340 Des Plaines River Rd., Ste. 414
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
bbrown@ncisc.org

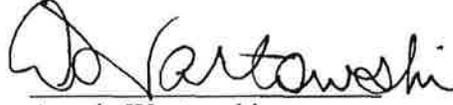
The Honorable Kay Poyner Brown
West Suburban Cook ROE #06
4413 Roosevelt Road Suite 105
Hillside, IL 60162-2057
kpoynerb@west40.org

The Honorable Dr. Vanessa Kinder
South Suburban Cook ROE #07
253 West Joe Orr Road
Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411
vkinder@s-cook.org

The Honorable Gerald M. Brookhart
Peoria County ROE #48
Peoria County Courthouse
324 Main St., Room 401
Peoria, Illinois 61602
gbrookhart@peoriaroe48.net

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The Honorable Shawn Walsh
Will County ROE #56
702 W. Maple St.
New Lenox, IL 60451
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Angela Wartowski
Investigator/Legal Department

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF NEBRASKA

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.)
Commissioner of Education)
301 Centennial Mall South - 6th Floor)
Lincoln, NE 68509-4933)

Petitioner,)

vs.)

Amanda M. Ludwig, #89846)
Logan Correctional Center)
P.O. Box 1000)
Lincoln, IL 52656)

Respondent.)

N.P.P.C. Case No. 14-01
Case No. 14001

Request for Support
Information

PURSUANT to 93 NAC 003.05 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission,
the Commission requests the Petitioner to file support information regarding the
allegations in the Petition.

Dated 2-21, 2014

Susan Johnson, Chairperson, Hearing Panel
NEBRASKA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION



By Kathi Vontz, Clerk of the Commission
NEBRASKA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above Notice dated February 21, 2014, for Case No. 14-01 was mailed to Amanda M. Ludwig, Respondent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and hand delivered to Brian Halstead on this 21st day of February, 2014, at the following addresses.

Amanda M. Ludwig, #R89846
Respondent
Logan Correctional Center
P.O. Box 1000
Lincoln, IL 52656

Brian L. Halstead
Attorney for Petitioner
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509



Kathi Vontz, Clerk of the Commission

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PPC Case No. 14-01
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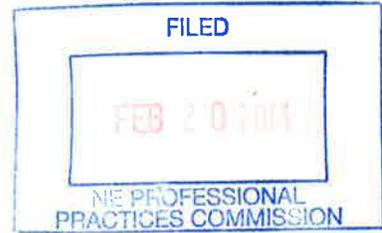
MOTION FOR
 DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Petitioner,)

vs.)

Amanda M. Ludwig, #R89846)
 Logan Correctional Center)
 P.O. Box 1000)
 Lincoln, IL 52656)

Respondent.)



COMES NOW the Petitioner, by and through the undersigned attorney of record, and moves the Commission for an order of judgment in default as provided in Title 95, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 1, Section 003.05. That in support of said Motion, the Petitioner would offer the following:

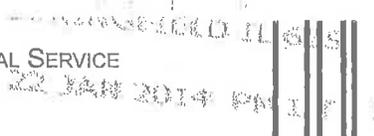
1. That the Petition and Notice of Right to Submit an Answer were filed with the Commission on January 9, 2014;
2. That said Petition, Notice, and a copy of Title 95, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 1 (effective date: October 30, 1993), were served upon the Respondent on January 22, 2014, by certified mail, return receipt requested. An Affidavit by Nikole Sander is attached and marked as Exhibit A, and by this reference is incorporated herein;
3. That Title 95, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 1, Section 003.05 provides that the Respondent shall be considered in default if the Respondent fails to file an answer within 21 days after service of the Petition and Notice of Right to Submit an Answer.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that the Commission enter an order finding the Respondent in default, and make such decision and/or recommendation to the State Board of Education that is in accordance with the law.

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the above motion and exhibit was mailed to the parties of record, by U.S. mail, sufficient postage prepaid, on the 20th day of February 2014.



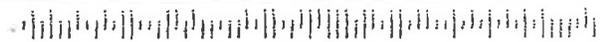
Brian L. Halstead #18077
Attorney for Petitioner
Nebraska Department of Education



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Illinois Department of Education
P. O. Box 14001
Lincoln, IL 62656-1401*



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Amanda M. Ludwig, #R89846
P.O. Box 1000
Lincoln, IL 52656

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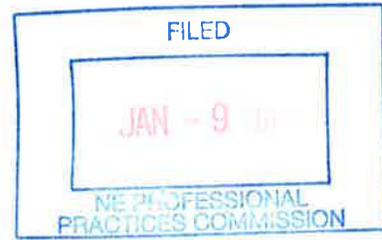
PETITION

Petitioner,)

vs.)

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Lincoln, IL 52656)

Respondent.)



Petitioner, in accordance with Sections 79-859 through 79-871 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Title 95, Chapter 01, of the *Nebraska Administrative Code*, and Title 92, Chapters 27 and 28 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, states and alleges as follows:

1. The Petitioner is Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education, P.O. Box 94933, Lincoln, NE 68509;
2. The Respondent is Amanda Ludwig #R89846, Logan Correctional Center, P.O. Box 1000, Lincoln IL 52656;
3. The Respondent holds a Nebraska public initial teaching certificate number 2009000419, endorsed in Art K-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2014;
4. On August 26, 2013, the State of Illinois revoked the Respondent's Illinois teaching certificate after the Respondent was found guilty of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and sentenced to five years' incarceration for having an inappropriate relationship with a male student while she was employed as a teacher for Peoria School District 150; and
5. Based upon the factual allegation contained in paragraph 4 of the Petition, the Respondent violated Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-866(2) (Reissue 2008) which in part states, "The board may, for just cause, revoke or suspend any teacher's or administrator's certificate. Violation of the standards established pursuant to this section, commission of an immoral act, or conviction of a felony under the laws of this state shall constitute just cause for the revocation or suspension of a teacher's or administrator's certificate by the board"; and Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 27, Section 004.02G (effective date: November 12, 2003) which states, "the educator: Shall not have had

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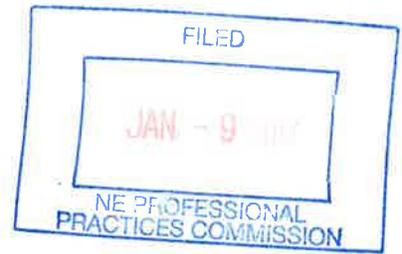
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NOTICE OF RIGHT
TO SUBMIT ANSWER



Notice is hereby given that Respondent has a right to submit an Answer within 21 days after the receipt of this Notice by filing an Answer with the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission, P. O. Box 94941, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Brian L. Halstead #18077
General Counsel
Nebraska Department of Education

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above Notice was mailed to the following person, postage prepaid, by certified mail, return receipt requested, this 9th day of January 2014:

Amanda M. Ludwig, #R89846
Logan Correctional Center
P.O. Box 1000
Lincoln, IL 52656
Article Number 70112970000403306227

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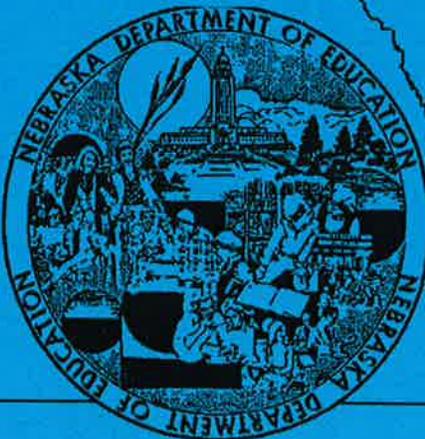
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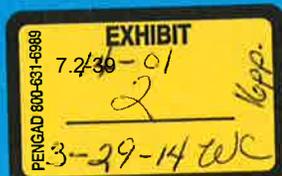
TITLE 92, NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
CHAPTER 27

EFFECTIVE DATE
November 12, 2003
(REVISED)

State of Nebraska
Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
Douglas D. Christensen, Ph.D.
Commissioner



05.09.14 State Board of Education



NEBRASKA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

TITLE 95, NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
CHAPTER 1

REGULATIONS CONCERNING
TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES HEARINGS

