

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**LEROY J. JOHNS, JR.,
Respondent.**

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PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-09-43

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks acknowledgment of the Respondent’s surrender of his professional educator certification and requests dismissal of the instant disciplinary action.

Initially, the Department filed a Notice of Charges against Respondent on September 30, 2009, seeking the immediate suspension of the Respondent’s professional educator certification under 24 P.S. §2070.9b(1)¹. In its Notice of Charges, the Department alleged that the Respondent had been criminally charged on July 28, 2009² with Possession of Child Pornography (18 Pa. C.S. §6312(d)(1)) and that he posed a danger to the health, safety or welfare of a student or other individual in a school.

Subsequent to the Department’s filing of the Notice of Charges, the Respondent

¹ Section 9b(1) provides for immediate suspension of the certification of a professional educator who is indicted for a crime set forth in section 111(e)(1) through (3) of the Public School Code of 1949 when the Commission determines that the professional educator poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of a student or other individual in a school.

² At the time of the criminal charges, Respondent was serving as a teacher in the Williams Valley School

agreed to relinquish his Pennsylvania Instructional II teaching certificate in the area of Music, his Master's Equivalency and his rights to any other Pennsylvania teaching certificates that may have been issued to him. In consideration of the Department's Motion for Entry of Order and the Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender, the Commission has decided to grant the Motion and, accordingly, enters the following:

District.

ORDER

AND NOW, this __21st__ day of December, 2009, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion for Entry of Order is GRANTED and the professional educator certification of the Respondent LEROY J. JOHNS, JR. is declared SURRENDERED IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: _____
Gilbert R. Griffiths
Chairperson

Attest: _____
Carolyn Angelo
Executive Director

Date Mailed: