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THE TEACHING PROFESSION ACT AND AMENDING ACTS

IN THE MATTER OF a charge or complaint against
MARK STANLEY KRASSMAN

ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Discipline Committee of The Alberta Teachers' Association, pursuant to authorization in that behalf, did, after duly investigating the charges of unprofessional conduct laid against Mark Stanley Krassman by Provincial Executive Council, on Monday, 1989 10 02, find him guilty of unprofessional conduct. A report in writing of its findings and recommendations was made to the Provincial Executive Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association. After due consideration of the report and the recommendations made by the Discipline Committee, the Provincial Executive Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association does hereby order that:

- (a) Mark Stanley Krassman be suspended from the Association for a period of three years,
- (b) a recommendation be made to the Minister of Education to suspend the teaching certificate of Mark Stanley Krassman for a period of three years to be reinstated upon application to and approval by the Minister, and
- (c) Mark Stanley Krassman be fined the sum of \$1,000.00.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, Thursday, 1989 11 30.

THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Per: 
President

Per: 
Executive Secretary


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REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF a charge of unprofessional
conduct against Mark Stanley Krassman

The Discipline Committee of The Alberta Teachers' Association reports that charges of unprofessional conduct laid against Mark Stanley Krassman of [REDACTED] were duly investigated in accordance with the Teaching Profession Act (RSA 1980, Chapter T-3) and the Discipline Bylaws of the said Association. The hearing was held in Edmonton, Alberta on Monday, 1989 10 02 at 0900 hours. Discipline Committee members present were: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the case against the accused.

On the afternoon of 1989 09 29, the defendant telephoned the secretary to the Committee and requested an adjournment/postponement of the hearing scheduled for 1989 10 02. M S Krassman claimed that his current financial status prevented his attendance. The secretary offered M S Krassman Association assistance to cover the costs of bus fare and meals. M S Krassman was advised that in the event of his absence he could make written submissions concerning plea and penalty by way of facsimile machine or use of Greyhound Lines. The secretary informed the defendant that the Committee would consider the request for adjournment/postponement. If the request were denied, a not guilty plea would be entered on his behalf.

When the hearing was convened at 0900 hours, M S Krassman was not present. The secretary indicated that no written submissions had been received.

The Committee received the adjournment/postponement request, recessed to consider the matter and denied the request. Members of the Committee were satisfied that proper notice of hearing had been served in accordance with acceptable rules of procedure and thus decided to proceed with the hearing. There being no objection to the composition of the Committee and no question of its jurisdiction to hear the case, the hearing continued.

In the absence of the defendant, a plea of "not guilty" was entered to the following charges:

1. Mark Stanley Krassman is charged with unprofessional conduct contrary to the Discipline Bylaws of The Alberta Teachers' Association in that he, a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association on or about 1988 12 16, in or about the city of [REDACTED], in the province of Alberta was convicted under Part XIX or XXVII (1) of the Criminal Code of Canada on the charges that he, between 1987 07 02 and 1987 07 05 and on or about 1987 11 21 at or near the city of [Location Redacted] in the province of Alberta, did commit a sexual offence on [Name Redacted] contrary to the provision of the Criminal Code.

Reasons for Decision

1. M S Krassman was convicted of indictable offences under the Criminal Code and is guilty of unprofessional conduct under 9(2)(f) of the Discipline Bylaws.
2. M S Krassman's conviction of sexual assault on his [REDACTED] has brought dishonor and disrepute to the teaching profession.
3. Resulting newspaper coverage detailed the incidents and reflected adversely on the teaching profession.

Submission From M S Krassman

At 1130 hours, the Committee was made aware that a written submission from M S Krassman was available. The Committee received the submission and considered its contents before arriving at a decision regarding penalty.

Recommended Penalty

1. That M S Krassman be suspended from the Association for a period of three years.
2. That a recommendation be made to the Minister of Education to suspend the teaching certificate of M S Krassman for a period of three years to be reinstated upon application to and approval by the Minister.
3. That M S Krassman be fined the sum of \$1,000.00.

Reasons for Recommended Penalty

1. M S Krassman was convicted of two indictable offences under the Criminal Code.
2. The Discipline Committee considers the sexual assaults committed by M S Krassman to be serious offences.
3. Society has the right to expect that teachers will act in a manner which maintains the trust between teachers and children. M S Krassman's behavior betrayed this trust.
4. In his written submission to the Committee, M S Krassman failed to show remorse for any harm or damage that he may have caused the victim.