

Timothy Mercer
Revocation – automatic, permanent

The Background:

Facts: Mr. Mercer was charged with three counts of Aggravated Sexual Battery, three counts of Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure, and one count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. On February 22, 2016, Mr. Mercer resigned from MNPS as a middle school teacher after it was determined that he was sending late night text messages to a female 7th grade student and having inappropriate physical contact with the same student (occurred between 2015-2016). On February 27, 2019, Mr. Mercer was convicted of two counts of Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure (felonies) and was sentenced to eight years of imprisonment. Seven years of his sentence was suspended.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation pursuant to Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(a), (3)(e), (3)(g) and (4)(a)(1).

The Board staff recommends the automatic, permanent revocation of Respondent's Tennessee educator license.