

Joseph Smith
Revocation – Automatic, Permanent

The Background:

Facts: On January 8, 2019, Mr. Smith pleaded guilty to one count of Aggravated Statutory Rape (a class D felony), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 39-13-506. This conviction was based upon reported sexual misconduct with a student. Mr. Smith was sentenced to four (4) years in custody of the Tennessee Department of Corrections, with an alternative sentence of supervised probation. Mr. Smith will be required to register on the sex offender registry for the duration of his life.

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 Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(a)(1).

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