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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D12-08-057
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WILLIAM RODGERS)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 338779B)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
)	REVOCATION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington, having reviewed the file of the above-referenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby permanently revoke the Washington Education Certificate, No. 338779B, of William Rodgers, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William Rodgers was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 338779B, on June 26, 1995. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. William Rodgers was employed by the Stanwood-Camano School District.

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3. On August 14, 2012, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from Jean Shumate, Ed. D., the superintendent of the Stanwood-Camano School District, alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by William Rodgers.
4. On June 23, 2004, William Rodgers received a Letter of Direction from Assistant Superintendent Eldon R. Allen for using the District email system to communicate with a former female student; which causing the female to make a complaint to the District.
5. On May 28, 2012, William Rodgers intentionally caused the death of his wife, Sherrie Rodgers.
6. An investigation into the death of Sherrie Rodgers was initiated by Mount Vernon Police Department; Case No. 12-M08006.
7. On May 31, 2012, William Rodgers was placed on paid administrative leave by Jean Shumate, Ed. D., the superintendent of Stanwood-Camano School District.
8. On June 4, 2012, a Criminal Complaint was filed in Skagit County District Court, charging William Rodgers with 1 Count of Murder in the Second Degree – Intentional Murder; RCW 9A.32.050(1)(a); Skagit County District Court Case No. W12-006

9. On July 3, 2012, an Information and Affidavit/Declaration of Probable Cause were filed in Skagit County Superior Court charging William Rodgers with Murder in the Second Degree -- Intentional Murder, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.32.050(1)(a); Skagit County Superior Court Cause No. 12-1-00555-8

10. On July 26, 2012, William Rodgers received a Notice of Termination of Employment letter from Superintendent Jean Shumate, Ed. D. William Rodgers did not appeal the termination.

11. On September 12, 2012, Mount Vernon Police Detective Jerrad Ely, submitted a Declaration as an application for an Arrest Warrant Amendment charging William Rodgers with the Crime of Murder 1st Degree, RCW 9A.32.030; amended from Murder 2nd Degree RCW 9A.32.505, after discovering evidence that the murder of Sherrie Rodgers was premeditated.

12. On September 21, 2012, an Amended Information was filed in Skagit County Superior Court amending the charge to Murder 1st Degree, RCW 9A.32.030; Skagit County Superior Court Cause No. 12-1-00555-8

13. On October 31, 2014, after a jury trial, William Rodgers was found guilty of 1st Degree Murder (RCW 9A.32.030) in the 2012 death of his wife, Sherri Rodgers; Skagit County Superior Court No. 12-1-00555-8.

14. William Rodgers has been provided an opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. As of November 24, 2014, OPP has not received a response from William Rodgers.

15. William Rodgers has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a crime identified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090(3). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke the Education Certificate.

16. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over William Rodgers and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 338779B, of William Rodgers, should be revoked for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090; WAC 181-86-075; WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

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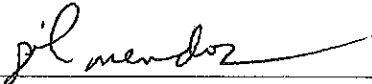
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ORDER

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 338779B, of William Rodgers be permanently revoked.

DATED This 13th day of January, 2015.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



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Deputy Superintendent
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