

**IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

In the matter of the certificate certificate of:

Case No. 2161722004

Jeff L. Ranstrom,

**FINAL ORDER**

Respondent

The Chief Certification Officer for the State of Idaho filed an Administrative Complaint against the educator certificate issued to Jeff L. Ranstrom, seeking for the Professional Standards Commission to impose discipline on Mr. Ranstrom's certificate. See Idaho Code § 33-1209. Because Mr. Ranstrom did not request a hearing within 30 days, and because Mr. Ranstrom was determined to be in default by a hearing/presiding officer, the allegations in the Administrative Complaint are treated as admitted, Idaho Code § 33-1209(3), and are incorporated by reference as findings of fact.

Based on these findings, the Professional Standards Commission concludes that Mr. Ranstrom willfully violated the following principles of the Code of Ethics adopted by the State Board of Education. Idaho Code § 33-1208(1)(j).

Mr. Ranstrom's conduct or course of conduct willfully violated Idaho Code § 33-1208(2)(h), which states that "[t]he professional standards commission shall permanently revoke any certificate issued or authorized under the provisions of section 33-1201, Idaho Code, and shall deny the application for issuance of a certificate of a person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of, notwithstanding the form of the judgment or withheld judgment, any of the following felony offenses: . . . The sexual battery of a minor child sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age, section 18-1508A, Idaho Code."

Under Idaho Code § 33-1208, the Professional Standards Commission orders that the following discipline (as marked) be imposed on Mr. Ranstrom's certificate:

*As requested in the Administrative Complaint*

The discipline requested by the Chief Certification Officer in her Request for Relief in the Administrative Complaint.

*Other discipline*

Mr. Ranstrom's certificate is revoked.

Mr. Ranstrom's certificate is permanently revoked under Idaho Code § 33-1208(2).

Mr. Ranstrom's certificate is suspended for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

Mr. Ranstrom's certificate is suspended indefinitely pending completion of the following conditions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ranstrom's certificate has the following conditions placed upon it.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of reprimand will be placed in Mr. Ranstrom's permanent certification file.

This Order is effective on the day it is signed. This Order and the Administrative Complaint, which will be attached to this Order, are public records, and may be made available on the State Department of Education or the Commission's website.

Dated this 2 day of February, 2021.

*Elisa Saffle*  
Elisa Saffle, Member  
Idaho Professional Standards Commission

## **RECONSIDERATION AND JUDICIAL REVIEW**

This is a final order of the Professional Standards Commission. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this order within 14 days of the service date of this order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within 21 days of its receipt; if not, the petition will be denied as a matter of law. See Idaho Code § 67-5246. Petitions for reconsideration may be filed by mail addressed to the Professional Standards Commission, State Department of Education, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0027, or hand delivered to the Commission at 650 West State Street, Second Floor, Boise, ID 83720.

Any party aggrieved by this final order or orders previously issued in this case may seek judicial review of the orders in this case in district court. A party may do this by filing a petition for judicial review in the district court as provided in Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5272. The petition must be filed within 28 days of the service date of this final order; or, if a motion for reconsideration is filed, within 28 days of the service of a decision on the motion for reconsideration or denial of the motion as a matter of law. Idaho Code § 67-5273. The filing of a petition for judicial review does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the agency action. Idaho Code § 67-5274.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

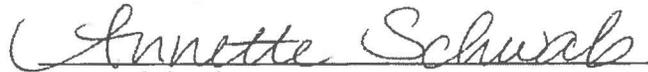
I hereby certify that on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Jeff L. Ranstrom  
IDOC # 135547  
Idaho State Correctional  
Institution Unit 14  
P.O. Box 14  
Boise, Idaho 83707

- U.S. Mail
- Hand Delivery
- Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- Overnight Mail
- Email:

Robert A. Berry  
Deputy Attorney General  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0010

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[leslie.gottsch@ag.idaho.gov](mailto:leslie.gottsch@ag.idaho.gov)



Annette Schwab  
Program Specialist

Idaho State Department of Education

**IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

In the matter of the certificate of:

Jeff L. Ranstrom,

Respondent

Case No. 22004

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Lisa Colón Durham, Chief Certification Officer for the State of Idaho, alleges the following against Jeff. L. Ranstrom (“Respondent”).

**GENERAL AVERMENTS**

1. The Professional Standards Commission (Commission) regulates teacher certification in Idaho.

2. The Chief Certification Officer is empowered to file an administrative complaint against the certificate of a teacher or other individual certified under the authority of the Idaho State Board of Education. Idaho Code § 33-1209.

3. Mr. Ranstrom holds the following certificate and endorsements issued under the authority of the Idaho State Board of Education:

a. Standard Secondary Certificate with Social Studies (6-12) and History (6-12) endorsements, effective September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

4. Mr. Ranstrom was employed by the West Ada School District.

5. On January 29, 2020, a Judgment of Conviction and Commitment was entered against Respondent after Respondent pled guilty to Count III, Sexual Battery of a Minor Child Sixteen or Seventeen years of Age, Felony, I.C. § 18-1508A, committed on or between March 26, 2019, and August 21, 2019. A true and correct copy of the Judgment of Conviction and Commitment is attached as Exhibit A.

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**Count I**

6. Mr. Ranstrom’s conduct or course of conduct willfully violated Idaho Code § 33-1208(2)(h), which states that “[t]he professional standards commission shall permanently revoke any certificate issued or authorized under the provisions of section 33-1201, Idaho Code, and shall deny the application for issuance of a certificate of a person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of, notwithstanding the form of the judgment or withheld judgment, any of the following felony offenses: . . . The sexual battery of a minor child sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age, section 18-1508A, Idaho Code.”

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

The Chief Certification Officer requests that the Commission grant the following relief, as permitted under Idaho Code §§ 33-1208 and 33-1209:

1. Permanently revoke Mr. Ranstrom’s certificate.
2. That if Mr. Ranstrom requests a hearing, a hearing be conducted before a hearing panel, where the Chief Certification Officer and Mr. Ranstrom may present evidence concerning the allegations in this Administrative Complaint, to aid the hearing panel in determining whether Mr. Ranstrom’s certificate should be disciplined and, if so, what discipline should be imposed.
3. That after a hearing, the waiver of a hearing, or Mr. Ranstrom’s failure to file an Answer to this Administrative Complaint, the hearing panel issue findings of fact and conclusions of law finding the violations of law alleged herein.
4. Any other relief that would be just under the circumstances.

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DATED this 8 day of July, 2020.

  
LISA COLÓN DURHAM  
Chief Certification Officer

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*Chief Certification Officer*  
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Deputy Attorney General  
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## NOTIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

The Professional Standards Commission wishes to notify you of the following rights.

**An administrative action has been initiated against your certificate(s).** Under Idaho Code § 33-1209, if you wish to contest the allegations set forth in the administrative complaint, you must request a hearing. This request must be (1) made not more than 30 days after the date of service (mailing) of the administrative complaint, (2) in writing, and (3) addressed to the state superintendent of public instruction. **If you do not request a hearing or do not comply with the requirements for requesting a hearing, the allegations in this administrative complaint will be treated as admitted under Idaho Code § 33-1209(3).**

In response to this administrative complaint, you must file an answer pursuant to IDAPA rule 04.11.01.270, but you must file the answer at least 30 days prior to the day of the hearing.

You have the right to be represented by legal counsel, at your own expense, during this administrative proceeding. In addition, you are entitled to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents, and other things relevant to the proceedings.

This administrative proceeding is governed by provisions of the Idaho Code, including the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, and by provisions of the Idaho Administrative Code, including the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General that have been adopted by the Board of Education. You may access these laws and rules online or via the Idaho State Law Library.

To request a hearing, you must deliver your request to the following address or fax number:

Sherri Ybarra  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Re: Professional Standards Commission Hearing  
650 West State Street, Room 200  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0027  
Telephone: (208) 332-6800  
Facsimile: (208) 334-2228

The State Department of Education receives mailed or hand-delivered documents between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (mountain time) except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The State Department of Education permits the filing of facsimile copies of documents that do not exceed ten pages, provided that the facsimile transmission is legible and is received before 5:00 p.m. on its due date. It shall be the responsibility of the filing party to verify with the staff of the State Department of Education that any facsimile transmission is successfully received and legible in its entirety.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of July, 2020, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Jeff L. Ranstrom,  
Respondent, IDOC # 135547  
Idaho State Correctional  
Institution Unit 15  
P.O. Box 14  
Boise, ID 83707

- U.S. Mail
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- Facsimile: (208) 344-1606
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*Chief Certification Officer*  
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Program Specialist  
Idaho State Department of Education

# EXHIBIT A

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

THE STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFF LEWIS RANSTROM,  
DOB: 12/08/1986  
SSN: XXX-XX-7474

Defendant.

Case No. CR01-19-41652

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION  
AND COMMITMENT

On January 28, 2020, John S. Dinger, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Ada, State of Idaho, and the defendant, JEFF LEWIS RANSTROM, with his attorney, Gabriel J. McCarthy, appeared before this Court for sentencing. The defendant was reminded of the Information charging the crimes of COUNT I. RAPE, FELONY, I.C. § 18-6101, COUNT II. SEXUAL BATTERY OF A MINOR CHILD SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE, FELONY, I.C. § 18-1508A, COUNT III. SEXUAL BATTERY OF A MINOR CHILD SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE, FELONY, I.C. § 18-1508A, COUNT IV. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD, FELONY, I.C. § 18-1507(2)(a), COUNT V. BURGLARY, FELONY, I.C. § 18-1401, and COUNT VI. BURGLARY, FELONY, I.C. § 18-1401, committed on or between March 26, 2019 and August 21, 2019, and of the guilty plea entered on November 26, 2019, to Count III. The defendant and the defendant's counsel were asked to identify any legal cause or other reason why sentence should not be pronounced at

that time, and they were permitted to address the Court concerning an appropriate sentence. Finding no legal cause or other reason why sentence should not be pronounced, and having considered all information presented at sentencing, the Court renders judgment against the defendant as follows:

The defendant is guilty of the crimes of COUNT III. SEXUAL BATTERY OF A MINOR CHILD SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE, FELONY, I.C. § 18-1508A, and is sentenced under the Uniform Sentence Law of the State of Idaho, I.C. § 19-2513, to the custody of the State of Idaho Board of Correction for an aggregate term of fifteen (15) years, the first four (4) years of which is FIXED and the remaining eleven (11) years of which is INDETERMINATE.

Under I.C. § 18-309, the defendant is given credit against this sentence for one hundred nineteen (119) days of time already served.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Counts I, II, IV and V of the Information are dismissed.

A No Contact Order has been entered. The defendant shall comply with the No Contact Order entered in court at the time of sentencing.

The defendant shall pay to the Clerk of the Court the following amounts: \$17.50 in court costs under I.C. § 31-3201A(2); a \$10.00 surcharge under I.C. § 31-3201(3); a \$15.00 POST Academy fee under I.C. § 31-3201B; a \$10.00 court technology fee under I.C. § 31-3201(5); a \$375.00 fee for the Crime Victims Compensation Fund under I.C. § 72-1025(1); a \$3.00 fee for the Peace Officer and Detention Officer Temporary Disability Fund under I.C. § 72-1105(2); a

\$100.00 surcharge under I.C. § 31-3201H; and a \$15.00 victim notification fee under I.C. § 31-3204.

The defendant shall pay to the Clerk of the Court a fine of \$5,000.00 to the victim of his offense.

Under I.C. § 19-5304, the defendant shall pay \$1,081.50 in restitution to the victim of the defendant's crime, plus interest at the annual rate of 7.125% until paid in full. Restitution payments shall be made to the Clerk of Court.

Under I.C. § 19-5506, the defendant shall provide a DNA sample and right thumbprint impression to the Idaho State Police within ten (10) days of this judgment.

The defendant is subject to, and shall comply with, the Sexual Offender Registration Notification and Community Right to Know Act, I.C. §§ 18-8301 *et seq.*

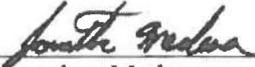
The defendant is remanded to the custody of the Ada County Sheriff, to be delivered FORTHWITH into the custody of the State of Idaho Board of Correction. The Clerk of the Court shall deliver a certified copy of this Judgment, which shall serve as the commitment of the defendant, to the Sheriff.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You, JEFF LEWIS RANSTROM, have the right to appeal this judgment to the Idaho Supreme Court. Any notice of appeal must be filed within forty-two (42) days from the entry of this judgment.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney in any appeal. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one may be appointed at public expense. Further, if you are indigent, the costs of the appeal may be paid for by the State of Idaho. If you have questions about your appeal rights, you should consult your present attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

 Signed 1/29/2020 04:00 PM  
Jonathan Medema  
DISTRICT JUDGE

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on the 29th day of January 2020, I emailed a true and correct copy of the within instrument to:

ADA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
VIA EMAIL

GABRIEL J. McCARTHY  
McCARTHY LAW, PLLC  
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[gmccarthy@canyonco.org](mailto:gmccarthy@canyonco.org)

ADA COUNTY JAIL  
VIA EMAIL

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
CENTRAL RECORDS  
VIA EMAIL

PSI DEPARTMENT  
VIA EMAIL



PHIL McGRANE  
Clerk of the District Court

Signed 1/29/2020 04:13 PM

By: *Melissa K. Pasparto*  
Deputy Court Clerk