

Jason Eckford
Revocation – Automatic, Permanent

The Background:

Facts: On August 16, 2018, Educator was convicted of Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure, a Class C Felony. As a special condition, Educator is on the sex offender registry for life. Educator sent sexual text messages to a student and was alleged to have inappropriately touched that student as well. Pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(a), Educator's license is subject to automatic revocation. *See also* T.C.A. § 49-5-413(d)(3)(B)(i-ii).

Status: Respondent and his attorney were notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the Board's intent to revoke his educator license based upon these findings. The Board received a return receipt from Respondent's attorney.

The Recommendation:

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

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