

**George Cook  
Voluntary Surrender**

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**The Background:**

*Facts:* The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (“NASDTEC”) national clearinghouse reported that, on October 11, 2018, Mr. Cook’s Mississippi educator license was suspended due to a criminal conviction. In January 2017, Mr. Cook was found guilty of two counts of Fondling, a violation of Miss. Code Ann. 97-5-23. As a result of his conviction, he was sentenced to a term of two years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, with ten years of supervised probation to follow upon release.

*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(3)(f), (3)(g), and (3)(h).

The Board staff recommended the revocation of Respondent’s Tennessee educator license. Respondent has agreed to voluntarily surrender his license and not reapply for restoration. Board Counsel recommends that the Board approve the Consent Order signed by Respondent for the voluntary surrender of his license.