

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE LICENSES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
JOHN T. MANGAN : ORDER OF REVOCATON  
\_\_\_\_\_ : DOCKET NO. 456 – 09/97 136

At its meeting of September 25, 1997 the State Board of Examiners reviewed information received from the Division of Criminal Justice, Special Notice of Indictment/Conviction reporting systems, indicating that in May, 1997 John T. Mangan was convicted of sexual assault. The crime involved performing an act of sexual penetration upon the victim, with the victim being at least thirteen but less than sixteen years of age with the actor being at least four years older than the victim, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2c. Mr. Mangan was sentenced to the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections for a period of four (4) years, forfeiture of his teaching licenses and a fine of \$5,000 to the Big Brothers Association, with a \$1.00 transaction fee. The Court also determined that Megan’s Law is applicable to Mr. Mangan, as well as requiring community supervision of him for life. Mr. Mangan is the holder of Principal/Supervisor, School Administrator and Secondary School Teacher of Social Studies licenses.

At that meeting the State Board of Examiners voted that said conviction constituted sufficient grounds to issue an Order to Show Cause to Respondent. Said Order was mailed to Respondent at the Midstate Correctional Facility by regular and certified mail on October 8, 1997. Said Order provided that if John Mangan desired to file an Answer to said Order such Answer must be filed within twenty (20) days. The certified mail return receipt card was signed and returned. The regular mail copy of the Order was not returned. No response has been received from, or on behalf of John Mangan.

It is therefore ORDERED that said charges are deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding. By virtue of holding a teaching license, the respondent has been entrusted by the State with the care and custody of school children. Tenure Hearing of Sammons, 1972 S.L.D. 302, 321. Respondent has, however, by his conduct, violated that most sacred trust. He has impermissibly endangered a minor. Such comportment is so foreign to the expectations of the deeds and actions of a professional certificated teacher - or of any person - that it raises doubts as to the continued performance of that person in the classroom. Tenure of Blasco, OAL Dkt. EDU 3842-79 (July 15, 1980), mod. Comm'r of Ed. (August 28, 1980), mod. St. Bd. of Ed. (Feb. 4, 1981). In sentencing Mr. Mangan the Court expressed its concern that he not be permitted to work with pupils.

Accordingly, the State Board of Examiners finds Respondent's conviction conduct unbecoming a license holder. The appropriate penalty for his unbecoming conduct is the revocation of Respondent's teaching licenses which reflects the courts concern that John T. Mangan will no longer be given access to children as a teacher.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that John T. Mangan's Principal/Supervisor, School Administrator, and Secondary School Teacher of Social Studies licenses be revoked on this 26th day of February, 1998.

It is further ORDERED that John T. Mangan return his licenses to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Licensing, CN 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter.

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Secretary  
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: March 25, 1998

Appeals may be made to the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.  
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