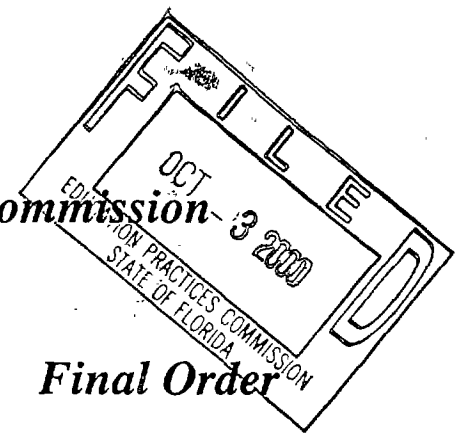




*Before the Education Practices Commission  
of the State of Florida*



IN RE: Administrative Complaint seeking disciplinary action against the Teacher's Certificate of Raymond Croker.

CASE NO. 99-0327-RT  
EPC INDEX NO. 99-382-FON

FINAL ORDER

An Administrative Complaint seeking disciplinary action against the teacher's certificate of Respondent, Raymond Croker, was filed by Tom Gallagher, as Commissioner of Education on, October 7, 1999.

Respondent, holder of Florida teacher's certificate number 636364, was served with a copy of the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has filed an answer to the Administrative Complaint stating that he did not wish to contest the charges, that he waived any further rights to due process or a public hearing, that he surrendered his certificate for permanent revocation, and that all his actions were free and voluntary.

The Administrative Complaint and the answers are incorporated as part of this Order.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Education Practices Commission, as empowered by F.S. 231.262(1980), hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKES teachers certificate number 636364, held by Raymond Croker.

Reapplication will not be considered.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loui Brummond".  
Chairperson

ELECTION OF RIGHTS

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Petitioner,  
TOM GALLAGHER, Commissioner of Education

vs.

RAYMOND S. CROKER  
Respondent

File No.: 967-2408-D

Signify your election by checking the appropriate option:

- 1.  FORMAL HEARING OPTION I dispute the allegations of the Administrative Complaint and I request a Formal Hearing before a Hearing Officer of the Division of Administrative Hearings.

The allegations I dispute are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

- 2.  INFORMAL HEARING OPTION I do not dispute the allegations of the Administrative Complaint and request an Informal Hearing before the Education Practices Commission.
- 3.  SURRENDER OPTION I voluntarily surrender my certificate(s) for permanent revocation.
- 4.  SETTLEMENT OPTION I request a forty-five (45) day period of time to try to negotiate a settlement with the Office of Professional Practices Services at (850) 488-2481. If an agreement is not reached within the forty-five (45) day period, the case will be scheduled for an  Informal or  Formal Hearing (if Formal Hearing is checked, please list the disputed allegations in 1a, b, and c). If neither Informal nor Formal is checked above, the action will be scheduled for an Informal Hearing.

I understand that I will be given notice of any date set for a Formal or Informal Hearing. I have read the Explanation of Rights, fully understand and/or have been advised of my legal rights. (If you do not understand your options, contact the Office of Professional Practices Services at (850) 488-2481.)

(EXECUTION BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC NOT REQUIRED IF CHOOSING OPTION 1)

*Raymond S. Croker*  
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Signature of Respondent

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Street Address

*Titusville*  
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City

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Telephone No.

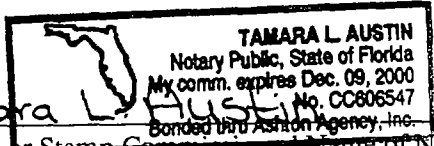
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Brevard

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2000

by Raymond S. Croker  
(Print Respondent's Name)

*Tamara L. Austin*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public



Tamara L. Austin  
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION**

**TOM GALLAGHER, as  
Commissioner of Education,**

**Petitioner,**

**vs.**

**CASE NO. 967-2408-D**

**RAYMOND S. CROKER,**

**Respondent.**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Petitioner, TOM GALLAGHER, as Commissioner of Education, files this Administrative Complaint against Raymond S. Croker. The Petitioner seeks the appropriate disciplinary sanction of the Respondent's educator's certificate pursuant to Sections 231.262 and 231.28, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Rule 6B-1.006, Florida Administrative Code, Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida, said sanctions specifically set forth in Sections 231.262(6) and 231.28(1), Florida Statutes

The Petitioner alleges:

**JURISDICTION**

1. The Respondent holds Florida Educator's Certificate 636364, covering the areas of Physical Education, which was valid through June 30, 1998.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Physical Education teacher at McNair Magnet School, in the Brevard County School District.

**MATERIAL ALLEGATIONS**

3. On or about March 1, 1997, Respondent held a party at his house for students where he provided alcoholic beverages, Marijuana and allowed students to have sex in a bed room. Respondent was arrested on or about April 23, 1997, and charged with Lewd, Lascivious or Indecent Act Upon a Child, three counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance to a Minor, four counts of Providing Alcoholic Beverage to a Minor, one count of Selling, Delivering, Furnishing or Giving Tobacco Products to a Minor and one count of Open House Party. Respondent pled Nolo Contendere to one count of Delivery of a Controlled Substance to a Minor and to Open House Party.

The court withheld adjudication on those charges and dropped all other charges. Respondent was placed on six month probation.

### **STATUTORY VIOLATIONS**

**COUNT 1:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Section 231.28(1)(c), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has been guilty of gross immorality or an act involving moral turpitude.

**COUNT 2:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Section 231.28(1)(e), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other criminal charge, other than a minor traffic violation

**COUNT 3:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Section 231.28(1)(i), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida prescribed by State Board of Education.

### **RULE VIOLATIONS**

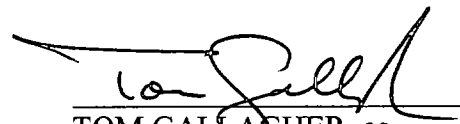
**COUNT 4:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has failed to make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning and/or to the student's mental health and/or physical safety.

**COUNT 5:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(3)(e), Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has intentionally exposed a student to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement.

**COUNT 6:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(3)(h), Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has exploited a relationship with a student for personal gain or advantage.

**WHEREFORE**, the Petitioner recommends that the Education Practices Commission impose an appropriate penalty pursuant to the authority provided in Sections 231.262(6) and 231.28(1), Florida Statutes, which penalty may include a reprimand, probation, restriction of the authorized scope of practice, administrative fine, suspension of the teaching certificate not to exceed three years, permanent revocation of the teaching certificate, or combination thereof, for the reasons set forth herein, and in accordance with the Explanation and Election of Rights forms which are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

**EXECUTED** on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

  
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TOM GALLAGHER, as  
Commissioner of Education,  
State of Florida