BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of Application for Teaching License Submitted by of Kenn Neyland

14-PPC-42

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 17th day of April, 2015, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board) upon the Application for an Emergency Substitute License submitted by Kenn Neyland.

WHEREUPON, a complaint was filed by the Kansas State Department of Education and Mr. Neyland had the opportunity to respond to the complaint. Mr. Neyland did not respond to the complaint. The complaint and supporting evidence were reviewed by the Professional Practices Commission (Commission).

WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Calin Kendall, Chairman of the Commission, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law by a vote of 10 - 0.

All findings set forth in the Commission's Initial Order attached hereto are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Final Order as though fully set forth at length herein.

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Kansas State Board of Education that Kenn Neyland's Application for an Emergency Substitute License is denied.

This Final Order is made and entered this 17th day of April, 2015.

Kansas State Board of Education

Jim McNiece, Chairman

Signed June /0, 2015

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

You may request a reconsideration of the above Order. To do so, you must file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Secretary to the State Board of Education, at the address stated below, within 15 days after service of this Final Order. The Petition must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested.

The filing of a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review.

Peggy Hill Secretary, KSBE Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson Ave. Suite 600N Topeka, Kansas 66612

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this ________ day of __________, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Kenn Neyland 1917 Lincoln Great Bend, Kansas 67530

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli M. Broers Attorney, Kansas State Department of Education Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson Ave., Suite 102 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Peggy Hill, Secretary

Kansas State Board of Education

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application for Teaching License Submitted by of Kenn Neyland 14-PPC-42

INITIAL ORDER

COMES NOW the Professional Practices Commission on this 4 day of February, 2015, and makes the following recommendations to the Kansas State Board of Education.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Kansas State Department of Education filed a Complaint pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-5a on November 25, 2014 [Attached as Appendix I]. That same Complaint was also mailed on November 25, 2014, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of Kenn Neyland. The attached certificate of service [Exhibit A] shows receipt of the Complaint.
- 2. Mr. Neyland applied for an Emergency Substitute License for the 2014-2015 school year on or about September 29, 2014.
- 3. Mr. Neyland disclosed he had previously been convicted of a felony and included supporting documentation.
- 4. Based on the documents provided by Mr. Neyland, the procedural history of his 1966 felony convictions is not entirely clear. It appears his felony convictions include convictions for three counts of bank robbery in North Carolina in 1966 for which he was sentenced to three concurrent 20-year prison sentences. Exhibit 1 of the Complaint. However, convictions for two of those counts were reversed and remanded to the district court in <u>United States v. Schmidt</u>, 376 F.2d 751 (1967). He served seven years and was then released on parole. Exhibit 2 of the Complaint.
- 5. Per Mr. Neyland, within a month of his release in 1974 he was arrested again. Those charges resulted in his conviction for five counts of assault with intent to commit murder, one count of assault and battery, one count of petit larceny, and one count of shooting into an occupied vehicle in The Circuit Court for Osceola County, State of Florida, Case Nos. 74-30; 74-33; and 74-35. Exhibit 3 of the Complaint. He was sentenced to more than 16 years in prison for those crimes, but states he only served ten. Exhibit 2 of the Complaint.
- 6. Mr. Neyland states the 1974 convictions were the result of, "a shootout with law enforcement [while] trying to help a fellow prisoner escape from Raiford Prison." Exhibit 2 of the Complaint. The documents provided state that the basis of the convictions for assault with intent to commit murder included Mr. Neyland using a shotgun to shoot and wound two different men; Mr. Neyland using a rifle to shoot three additional men; and his pointing a pistol at yet another man.

¹ Mr. Neyland was formerly known as Richard Kenneth Schmidt,

7. Mr. Neyland did not file a Request for a Hearing nor did he submit an Answer. The Complaint specifically advises that "If no answer is filed within 20 days, Applicant will be deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. An Initial Order will be entered recommending the revocation of your teaching license and all endorsements for the reasons stated in the Complaint and that notice of the revocation will be provided to all education agencies in the State of Kansas and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states."

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8501, the Legislature has declared teaching and school administration to be professions in Kansas with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. An educator is in a position of public trust.
- 2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1397, "The state board of education shall not knowingly issue a license to or renew the license of any person who has been convicted of:

"(12) capital murder, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3439, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5401, and amendments thereto;

- "(13) murder in the first degree, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3401, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5402, and amendments thereto;
- "(14) murder in the second degree, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3402, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5403, and amendments thereto;
- "(15) voluntary manslaughter, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3403, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5404, and amendments thereto;
- "(16) involuntary manslaughter, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3404, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5405, and amendments thereto;
- "(17) involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3442, prior to its repeal;
- "(20) attempt under K.S.A. 21-3301, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5301, and amendments thereto, to commit any act specified in this subsection;
- "(21) conspiracy under K.S.A. 21-3302, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5302, and amendments thereto, to commit any act specified in this subsection;
- "(22) an act in another state or by the federal government that is comparable to any act described in this subsection; or
- "(23) an offense in effect at any time prior to the effective date of this act that is comparable to an offense as provided in this subsection." (Emphasis added.)

- 3. A license may be denied by the state board to any person who fails to meet the licensure requirements of the state board or for any act for which a license may be suspended or revoked pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a) (Providing that grounds include misconduct or other just cause; including the commission of any crime punishable as a felony). K.A.R. 91-22-1a(b).
- 4. If no answer to a Complaint is filed within 20 days, Applicant is deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the Complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. K.A.R. 91-22-9.
- 5. Mr. Neyland waived his right to an evidentiary hearing before the Professional Practices Commission and the State Board of Education. All findings of fact are based on the nonrefuted claims stated in the sworn complaint and the attached exhibit.
- 6. Mr. Neyland's conduct is inconsistent with the commonly-held perceptions and expectations of a member of the teaching profession. Such conduct violates the public trust and confidence placed in members of the profession. Furthermore, Mr. Neyland's conduct demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions.
- 7. Mr. Neyland's out-of-state conviction for five counts of assault with intent to commit murder, regardless of age or evidence of rehabilitation, requires that his application for an Emergency Substitute License be denied pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1397.
- 8. Additionally, his 1966 and 1974 convictions are grounds for denial of his application for a license pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a(b).

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Professional Practices Commission, by a vote of 8-0, subject to review by the State Board of Education, that Kenn Neyland's Application for an Emergency Substitute License should be denied.

This Initial Order is made and entered this February 26, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Calin Kendall, Chairman
Order signed on 2/26, 2015.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

This Order of the Professional Practices Commission is not a Final Order and is required to be reviewed by the State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

You may submit to the State Board of Education for its consideration as part of its review of the Initial Order, a written brief citing legal authority as to why the above recommendation should not be accepted. The legal brief must be filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission at the address indicated above within ten days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of March, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was filed with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education and one (1) copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Kenn Neyland 1917 Lincoln Great Bend, Kansas 67530

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Secretary, Professional Practices Commission

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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APPENDIX I

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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COMPLAINT

COMES NOW on this day of November, 2014, Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, Kansas State Department of Education, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas 66612, and alleges the following:

- Under Kansas law, teaching and school administration to be professions in Kansas with all
 the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized
 professions. An educator is in a position of public trust.
- 2. It is within the authority of the Kansas State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and revocation of a license to teach.
- 3. A license may be denied by the Kansas State Board of Education for misconduct or other just cause. K.A.R. 91-22-1a.
- 4. By order of the Kansas State Board of Education, the Professional Practices Commission shall investigate and conduct hearings pertaining to allegations of misconduct.
- Kenn Neyland applied for an Emergency Substitute License for the 2014-2015 school year on or about September 29, 2014.
- Mr. Neyland disclosed he had previously been convicted of a felony and included supporting documentation.
- 7. Based on the documents provided by Mr. Neyland, the procedural history of his 1966 felony convictions is not entirely clear. It appears his felony convictions include convictions for three counts of bank robbery in North Carolina in 1966 for which he was sentenced to three concurrent 20-year prison sentences. (Exhibit 1). However, convictions for two of those counts were reversed and remanded to the district court in <u>United States v. Schmidt</u>, 376 F.2d 751 (1967). He served seven years and was then released on parole. (Exhibit 2).
- 8. Per Mr. Neyland, within a month of his release in 1974 he was arrested again. Those charges resulted in his conviction for five counts of assault with intent to commit murder, one count of assault and battery, one count of petit larceny, and one count of shooting into an occupied vehicle in The Circuit Court for Osceola County, State of Florida, Case Nos. 74-30; 74-33; and 74-35. (Exhibit 3). He was sentenced to more than 16 years in prison for those crimes, but states he only served ten. (Exhibit 2).

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- 9. Mr. Neyland states the 1974 convictions were the result of, "a shootout with law enforcement [while] trying to help a fellow prisoner escape from Raiford Prison." (Exhibit 2). The documents provided state that the basis of the convictions for assault with intent to commit murder included Mr. Neyland using a shotgun to shoot and wound two different men; Mr. Neyland using a rifle to shoot three additional men; and his pointing a pistol at yet another man.
- 10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1397, "The state board of education shall not knowingly issue a license to or renew the license of any person who has been convicted of:
 - "(12) capital murder, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3439, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5401, and amendments thereto;
 - "(13) murder in the first degree, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3401, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5402, and amendments thereto;
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 - "(21) conspiracy under K.S.A. 21-3302, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 21-5302, and amendments thereto, to commit any act specified in this subsection;
 - "(22) an act in another state or by the federal government that is comparable to any act described in this subsection; or
 - "(23) an offense in effect at any time prior to the effective date of this act that is comparable to an offense as provided in this subsection." (Emphasis added.)
- Mr. Neyland's out-of-state convictions, regardless of age, require that his application for an Emergency Substitute License be denied pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1397. Additionally, the convictions are also grounds for denial of his application for a license pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a(b).
- 12. Furthermore, Mr. Neyland's conduct is inconsistent with the commonly-held perceptions

and expectations of a member of the teaching profession. Such conduct violates the public trust and confidence placed in members of the profession. Furthermore, Mr. Neyland's conduct demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions.

13. It is requested that Mr. Neyland's application be denied.

NOTICE

Pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a(h) and K.S.A. 77-512, notice is hereby given of this Complaint and Request for Denial of Licensee's application for an Emergency Substitute Teaching License.

RIGHT TO A HEARING

Applicant has a right to request a hearing on the above issues and request for denial in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act. To obtain a hearing, a written request for a hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission within fifteen [15] days of the date of service of this notice at the following address:

Theresa Coté Secretary, Professional Practices Commission Kansas State Department of Education 900 SW Jackson St. Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182

Applicant has a right to file a written answer to this complaint. Applicant has twenty [20] days from the date of service of this notice. If no answer is filed within 20 days, Applicant will be deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. An Initial Order will be entered recommending the revocation of your teaching license for the reasons stated in the Complaint and that notice of the revocation will be provided to all education agencies in the State of Kansas and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states.

Any answer shall type written or legibly printed, and any documents you intend to use in your defense must be attached. The answer must be signed and contain a statement under oath or affirmation that the statements made in the Answer are true. The Answer must be notarized and filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery to the address listed above.

Scott Myers

Director, Teacher Education and Licensure

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS) SS:
COUNTY OF SHAWEE)
Complainant in the above-captioned a knows and understands the contents the	duly sworn, on oath deposes and states: He is the action; he has read the above and foregoing Complaint nereof, and the statements and allegations according to his knowledge, information, and belief.
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	Scott Myers
•	Director, Teacher Education and Licensure
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO be November, 2014.	ofore me, the undersigned authority, on this <u>2:5</u> day of
	Notary Public
My appointment expires:	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this <u>2545</u> day of November, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Complaint/Notice of hearing was filed with the Secretary for the Professional Practices Commission and one (1) copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Kenn Neyland 1917 Lincoln Great Bend, Kansas 67530

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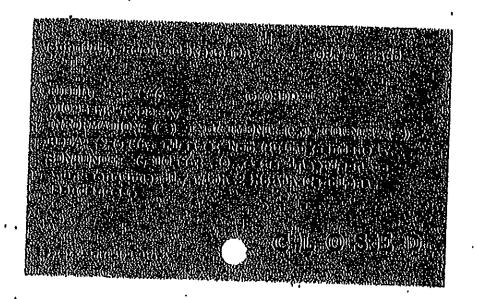
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Filing defendant's Third Notice of Appeal. 11-26-66 4-28-66 4-28-66

Filing defendant's Notice of Appeals.
Sending copy of docket entries and/notices of appeal to U. S. Court of Appeals
for the Fourth Circuit.

DATE	рдосхипнов
5-6-66	Filing ORDER TO APPEAL IN FORMA PAUPERIS. Copy sent to U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and copy sent to Official Court Reporter Mrs. Rickman.
5-9-66	Filing letter from U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit acknowledging receipt of notices of appeal and docket entries.
5-11-66	Filing letter from U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit acknowledging receipt of ONDER TO APPEAL IN FORM PAUPERIS and advising that appeal has been docketed as of May 10, 1966.
6-6-66	Filing ORDER than an extension of 20 days be granted, to and including June 25, 1966, for the Clerk to prepare and file the record to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Copy to U.S. ourt of Appeals, U.S. Attorney and Court Reporters.
5-15+66	Miling letter from defendant electing to commence service of sentence imposed. Two true-tests copies given to U. S.Marshal.
6-35-6	5 Filing Transcript of Pre-Trial and Trial Proceedings.
6.23.6	Sending Record on Appeal to Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
6-21-66	Filing Marshal's Return on Judgment and Commitment executed on June 11, 1966 by delivering defendant to U. S. Penitentiary at Atlants, Ga.
5-17-67	Filing certified copy of judgment of U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in lieu of a mandate; along with photo copy of the opinion, ordering that the judgment of the District Court appealed from be reversed; and that this cause he remanded to the U. S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville, with directions to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial consistent with the opinion of the Court of Appeals.
5-17-67	Redord on appeal and transcript of testimony received from U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
6-13-67	Rebord on appeal and transcript of testimony returned to U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for certification to the U. S. Supreme Court. Defendant's counsel has applied to Supreme Court for a writ of certificant.
10-18-6	Filing photo copy of order of Supreme Court denying petition for a writ of certiorari.
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2-15-66	Filing Petition for Writ of Habese Corpus Ad Prosequendum.
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5-14-68	File to Asheville.
8-16-6	Filing Order Appointing Counsel.

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8-29-68	Filing Petition for Writ of Habbas Corpus ad Prosequendum.
8-29-6	8 Filing Writ of Habeas Corpus AD prosequendum.
9-18-68	Called. Defendant present with court-appointed counsel. Plea of Guilty as to Gount 3. Two U.S. Witnesses sworn and examined. Judgment - TWENTY (20) years in Count 3 to run concurrent with Federal sentence now serving and to begin on date of arrest. Dispussed as to Counts 1 and 2. Judgment and Commitment issued, signed, filed and two true-tests copies delivered to U.S. Marshal. Copy of Judgment and Commitment mailed to defendant at U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.
9-24-66	Filing Marshal's Return on Writ of Habeas Corpus executed on 9-6-68 by transposting defendant from USP, Atlanta, to Buncombe County Jail. Further executed on September 19, 1968 by transferring defendant from Thincombe County Jail to USP, Atlanta, Ca.
0-14-68	Filing Marshal's Return on Judgment and Commitment executed on 9-18-68 by. delivering defendant to Funcombe County Jail.
-30-68	Dile to Judge Jones
-69	Filing CRDER denying defendant's request for correction or reduction of sentence. Copy to defendant, U. S. Attorney and U. B. Probation Officer.
1-74	Court file, copy of Transcript of Proceedings of April 18, 1966, Proceedings of April 21, 1966 and Proceedings of April 22, 1966, and oxiginal docket entries sent to Clerk at Ashevilla.
0-74	Above file received from Clerk at Asheville,



Atrue and certified copy.

This D9-19 2014.

WILLIAM 2. TANNER, CLERK
U.S. Dist. Court, MD Gs.

By: COLUMN
DEPUTY CLERK

Date: 10/9/14
To: KSDE
From: Kenn Neyland
Re: Petition in support of an
Application for substitute teacher's license.

Introduction:

In the following material i provide you with a list of items you will find in the envelope, some of which are creative items in support of the application; a personal history bio, two lists of references, people I know in the Great Bend community. I also have included an overview of Project Reciaim and the Theory of Rebellion, which has to do with the youth corrections program I have designed for tough kids.

My personal goal in working with troubled kids is help these kids understand their rebellion, to not make the same mistakes I have made and to go on to live a meaningful and productive life in their society.

in reading the following material I ask that you consider the mitigating circumstances. While the felony charges were serious, bank robbery, assault charges, as well as prison escape charges, I submit that I have paid my dues, having spent 17 years in prison. These things happened so long ago (40-50 years) that I hope you might be willing, as others have, to look forward with me and to consider that I would not be near the man I am today had I not gone through these experiences. I certainly would not have learned how to read, write and compose music; I would not have ten years of formal education as well as a degree from the University of Kansas where I spent two years in the graduate program. (sociology, emphasis in criminology); nor would I have written seven books and 13 screenplays.

And I certainly would never have acquired the expertise necessary in designing Project Reciaim, a complex and far-reaching program that I will never see brought to fruition in my lifetime, but one I feel sure that will, posthumously, will one day gain much favor in our society.

Today the time is not right, for the good people of their country, We The People, have much work to do in getting this country back on track, and cleaning up our criminal justice system is simply one task on our list. One day we will grow tired of our inhumane correctional system. When that day comes, we will look around for the program that will lead us to a new socializing institution and PR will be there (see Chapter 15, PR, by that title, A New Socializing institution),

Contents:

- My KU transcript, showing credits for both my undergraduate and graduate work at Lawrence.
- Three separate court records (certified) pertaining to felonies stated above, the charging
 documents and judgments, as best the clerks were able to determine, as many of the files have
 been disposed of.
- 8. Two letters of recommendation from Linda Sisson and Pastor Ariyn Theilenhaus (more can be obtained if necessary.)
- 4. A Treatise expounding on the principles of The Theory of Rebellion and Project Reciaim.
- Book Jacket cover prints of my four song books containing my 40 songs, (The back cover is the same on each book.)
- 6. The plano score from my original composition of the Lord's Prayer, with disk recording.
- 7. The book lacket cover for "Theory of Rebellion," and "When Dreams Fade Away."
- 8. Two of my books (gifts to your library), "Project Reclaim and my baseball novel, "Return to Yankee Stadium."
- 9. Fingerprint card completed by the Barton County Shariff's Office.
- 10. Two Postal M.O.s in the amount of \$45 and \$50.



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I was born in 1939 on All Souls Day in Chicago, IL, Richard Kennath Neyland, (in 2009, t officially

changed my name to Kenn Neyland through the court of Rooks County, KS).

My father, Sam, died of TB when I was not quite 5. At age 7, I acquired a stepfather, which led to many difficulties growing up, in both the home and the class room, where I was referred to as the "class dummy." As I state in my Project Reciaim program for tough kids (see enclosed book): "When there is turmoll at home, the child cannot do well in school; it's too much to expect of him." Robert Bly has this to say about the boy who loses his father: "A hole opens up in his psyche and does not fill with Welt Disney characters but demons." The thing that saved me in the end was that I never really accepted the Fallure label even after having falled repeatedly.

As a young boy, then again as a young man, baseball consumed my life. After high school I went on to play professional baseball during two periods of my life, each separated by three years in the U.S. Army. During the first segment, I made several falled attempts at the game, signing with the Washington Senators, Cincinnati Reds, and the N.Y. Mets, having been signed by that "grand old man of baseball," Branch Rickey. (If you saw the movie 42 you know that it was Branch Rickey who also signed Jackle Robinson.) During my Army days, I was a paratrooper with the 82d Airborne Division. I played post team baseball and other sports with the Ft. Bragg Special Services unit, which helped me make it through a difficult time in the Army.

During the second segment of pro ball, I won a batting title in the Dodgers' organization, played winter baseball in Panama, the Dominican Republic and in Venezuela. After leaving the Dodgers because of unreconciled differences, I played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and again for the Cincinnati Reds. Finally, as I look back on my baseball career, I did not make the major leagues (after hitting over .300 twice in the minors) because of ADD and a touch of dyslexia, the same as Shane Victorino (Boston Red Sox) takes meds for today.

It was during my last year of baseball that I began robbing banks, I suppose as I saw the game, I'd invested so much in slipping away. After robbing three, I was arrested, tried and sentenced to three concurrent 20-year sentences. After seven years, I was released on parole from the Atlanta Penitentiary but within a month was again arrested, this time for involvement in a shootout with law enforcement trying to help a fellow prisoner escape from Raiford Prison. I did another 7 years at Florida State Prison (FSP), Starke, FL. During my 17 years in prison, It took me 10 years to make a turnaround, another 7 years to get out of the hole I had created for myself.

However, I should add, that it seems that I have been guided, protected, or looked after pretty much all my life, not just in prison, and the many bixarre things i've been involved in, shootouts and escapes, etc. in prison, for example, having been a pro baseball player, where baseball and beating the outside

teams was a big deal, I managed the prison team.

You could also say that I was at a number of places in my life at just the right time. For exemple, at FSP where I met my mentor, Lucy Batchelor. (See p.95, PR, a photo and blo of Lucy). That little oi' gray-haired lady, who had worked with prisoners in Florida for over 50 years, my mentor of mentors, gets all the credit for my turnaround, one that surely would never have come without her. At Starke, I joined her college-accredited Human Relations Program and went on to design and teach a special TA program based on the book I'M OK-YOU'RE OK, by Thomas A. Harris.

Because of Lucy, I went on to get an A.A. degree from Lake City Community College, a college that had, in addition to the 60 credit hrs. needed for graduation, the remedial courses that helped me fill in a lot of holes in my academic background.

After paroling out of Florida, the Feds violated my parole (because of the shootout) and gave me a 2 year set off and sent me to Leavenworth. This was another stroke of sevendipity, for I showed up just in

time to enroll in the fall semester of a bachelor's program offered by the University of Kansas. Here i met my KU mentors, Scott McNail, chair of the sociology dept. and Bob Antonio, assistant chair.

I paroled out of Leavenworth in two years to the Lawrence campus where I needed 3 more credits to graduate but a funny thing happened. My advisor forgot to advise me that I was required to co-enroll, so the other 9 hrs. I took that semester did not count toward the graduate degree, in the class of 1982 i was top of my class with a 4.0 GPA, and was admitted to the graduate school in sociology, emphasis in criminology and there developed what I later referred to as my inside-out philosophy of deviance and corrections.

Since leaving Lawrence in the '80s, I have worked on many writing projects, fiction and non-fiction, taking on adventures as well: I played an acoustical guitar gig in California. I worked 3 summers in a salmon cannery in Valdez, AK and two summers in the Alaskan gold fields.

At the turn of the century, I came back to Kansas and spent the next 10 years looking after my aging mother, who died recently. During that time I wrote PROJECT RECLAIM (PR) (see enclosed), a comprehensive overview of my understanding of deviance and corrections, also THE THEORY OF REBELLION, my belated thesis and the philosophical foundation of Project Recialm (see copy of book lacket enclosed), as well as other books.

I have also been a screenwriter since my days at KU and have written over 13 screenplays. My current movie project in entitled, REDEMPTION. The Last Days of Christ, a project supported by Pastor Thielenhaus (see his supporting letter); Fr. Louis Hoang, and Bishop John Brungardt, who is actually my cousin.

References:

I have made many friends in Great Bend and feel certain, without the skills I have acquired along the way, I would not be able to serve my community as I do now. Great Bend is a great place to live, work and raise children, and I am proud to say that I am part of this community and especially happy to be able to work with our children, as I do in the field of baseball, and look forward to making further contributions in the future.

These supporters are available to take phone calls.

- 1, Linda Sisson, significant other and partner, Great Bend, 620-786-1890 (letter enclosed)
- 2. Nancy Neyland, ex-wife, 863-441-1930
- 3. Ann Schenkel, banker friend, Great Bend, 620-617-1158
- 4. Jerry Fosdick, card-playing friend, Great Bend 620-798-980B
- B. Deb Hunter, family and card-playing friend, Great Bend, 620-786-8685
- 6. Bob Rome, family, teacher, coach and card-playing friend, Hosington, 620-617-4186
- 7. Debble Axman, teacher and friend, Great Bend
- 8. Chris Smith, coach and friend, Great Bend, 620-617-5884
- 9. Lea Ann LeRoy, Great Bend Recreation Dept, 620-799-3753
- 10. Chris Ungher, Great Band, Recreation Dept, 620-793-8755
- 11. Fr. Louis Hoang, parish priest and confessor, Great Bend, 620-792-1396
- 12. Janice Thellenhaus, 620-798-6194 and Pastor Arlyn, Great Bend, 620-793-2142 (letter enclosed)

When coming to the Great Bend community three years ago, I wondered how I might best apply my professional baseball skills to help the kids of this town. I decided that it was not to coach a team, par se, but to establish an instructional team. On this team I teach baseball fundamentals to the kids and help my kids find teams in the summer leagues by working with the membars of the Great Bend Recreation Department.

This is a list of some of the kids i've worked with in my instructional team program, their parents and their contact numbers. The ages indicated for the kids are when I first started working them. The two main fundamentals I focus on in my instructional program are hitting of the back leg and throwing overhand, the two bad habits most frequently overlooked by coaches. The kids and their parents know me as Coach Kenn. You may call anyone on this list as wall.

	Student/Player	Age	Parent(s)	Contact Info	
1.	Palon and Easy	9,13,	Enelda and Jesus Olivas	620-797-0193	
2.	Corbin and Cordell		Richard Stanley	620-282-7864	
3,	Hector	11	Hector and Maria Lopez	432-425-7688	
4.	Juito	13	Radolpho Andujo	620-639-1566	
5.	inar and Broilo	9,13	Thomas Vargas	620-639 -1 566	
6.	Christopher	9	Angle Shenk, 620-793-0855, Bryan Shenk 620-786-5854		
7.	Jackie (Isalah)	12	Shirley Julio	620-617-0077	
8,	Noah	11	Randy and Melissa Newman	620-793-9308	
9.	Creed	12	Kelly Griffin (620-791-8285; Moni-	ca Griffin (620-546-3154)	
10.	Blake ·	12	Chasity Chaney	620-639-1833	
11.	Trey, Tristan	10-12	Dave Beyers (620-786-8793); Jean	ne Beyers, 620-653-2285	
12.	Christian	14	Iselas Gonzalez	620-639-4017	

If you have any further questions please call me at, 620-603-3181

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OSCHOLA COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

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RICHARD K. SCHMIDT, also known as R. KENNETH NEXLAND and ROBERT PAUL SHEEKE also known as PAUL FRED ALEXANDER did, from a premeditated design to effect the death of Dave Evers, and with the intent then and there to murder him make an assault upon the said Dave Evers with a deadly weapon, to wit: a shotgun, and, in furtherance of said assault, premeditated design and intent to murder, did shoot and wound the said Dave Evers, in which will be with the said Dave Evers, in the control of Fibratia Statute 784.06.

ROBERT EAGAN, State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit these diving for the State of Florida in Oscacla County, Charges that on the 6th day of March, 1974, in said County and State, RICHARD K. SCHMIDT, also known as K. Kennerh Hayland and Robert Paul Sheley also known as YAUL FRED ALEXANDER did, from a premeditated design to effect the death of Dave Akers, and with the intent then and there to muxder him make an assault upon the said Dave Akers with a deadly weapon, to wit: a shotgun, and in furtherance of said assault, premeditated design and intent to muxder, did shoot and wound the said Dave Akers, in violation of Florida Statute 784.06.

COUNT THREE

ROBERT EAGAN, State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit prosecuting for the State of Florida in Obsacla County, CHARGES that on the 6th day of March, 1974, in said County and State, RICHARD K. SCHMIDT, also known as R. Kennews Mexiand and Robert Paul Sheley also known as Paul Fred Alexander did, from a preseditated design to effect the death of Wilbur M. Woods, and with the intent then and there to murder him make an assault upon the said Wilbur M. Woods with a deadly waspon, to with a rifle, and in furtherance of said assault, preseditated design and intent to murder, did shoot at the said Wilbur M. Woods, in violation of Florida Statute 784.06.

COUNT FOUR

ROBERT EAGAN, State Attorney of the Minth Judicial Circult prosecuting for the State of Florida in Oscacla County, CHARGES that on the 6th day of March, 1974, in said County and State, RICHARD K. SCHHIDT, also known as R. KENNETH NEYLAND and ROBERT PAUL SHEEF also known as PAUL FRED ALEXANDER did, from a premeditated design to effect the death of Tom Butler, and with the intent then and there to murder him make an assault upon the said tom Butler with a deadly waspon, to with a risle, and in furtherance of said assault, premeditated design and intent to murder, did shoot at the said Tom Butler, in violation of Florida Statute 784.06. Statute 784.06.



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COUNT FIVE

ROBERT MAGAN, State Autorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit prosecuting for the State of Piorida in Oscoola County, Charges that on the 6th day of March, 1974, in said County and State, Richard X. Schmidt, also known as R. Kenneyi Neyhand and Robert Paul Shelay also known as Paul Shelay and the Shelay and John Keen, and there to murder him make an assault upon the said John Keen with a deadly weapon, to with a rifle, and in furtherance of said assault, premeditated design and intent to murder, did shoot at the said John Keen, in violation of Florida Statute 764.06.

COUNT BIX

ROBERT EAGAN, State Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit prosecuting for the State of Florida in Oscoola County, CHARGES that on the 6th day of March, 1974, in said County and State, RYCHARD K. SCHMIDT also known as R. KENNEYH NEXIAND and ROBERT PAUL SHELEY also known as PAUL FRED ADEXANDER did on and upon one L. A. Buntin unlawfully an assault did make with a deadly weapon, to with a pistol, and in furtherance of said assault did point and aim said pistol at the said L. A. Buntin, not having then and there a premeditated design to effect the death of the said L. A. Buntin, in violation of Florida Statute 784.04.

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'IN CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCIOLA COUNTY, PLORIDA

SPRING TERM A.D. 1974

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CASE NO. 74-30-counts 3,4,5 CASE NO. 14-14

RICHARD K. SCHMIDT, A/k/A R. Kenneth Nexland

JUDGHENT AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT UNDER THE SINGLE TRANSACTION

You, Richard K. Schmidt, a/k/a R. Kenneth Nayland having been tried by a jury and found guilty of the following offenses, to-wit:

Case No.74-30, Count three, assault with the intent to commit muxder on Wilbur M. Woodses alleged in the Information. Gase No.74-30, Count four, assault with intent to commit murder on You Butler as alleged in the Information. Case No.74-30, Count five, assault with intent to commit murder on John Keen as alleged in the Information.

You are adjudged by the Court to be guilty of each of the aforement orine as found by the jury.

What have you to say why the santence of the law should not be passed upon you?

You say nothing to stay judgment, it is the sentence of the law pursuant to the rule relating to orimes arising out of a single transaction, that for the orimes of: Case No.74-30, Count three, assault with the intent to commit murder on

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Tom Butler,

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John Keen, for which you stend convicted, you will be punished by being confined in the State Prison of the State of Floride, for and during a period of years, with 106 days oradit for Jail time as provided :) has

This is a consecutive sentence The Sheriff of Osceola County Florida shall deliver you fortheith to the Superintendent of the State Prison of the State of Florida to-

gether with a copy of this Sentence. day of June A. D. Alley Holy DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN COURT, this the: DAI (NO ANNO A 1974.

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I hereby certify that the above and foregoing fingerprints on this judgment are the fingerprints of the defendant, Richard K.

Schwidt a/k/a R. Kenneth Nayland Land that they were placed thereon by said defendant in my presence, in open court, this ____

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OSCHOLA COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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RYCHARD K. SCHMIDT, a/k/a R.KENNETH HEYLAND

JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT UNDER THE SIMILY TRANSACTION RULE

You, Richard K. Schmidt, a/k/a R. Kenneth Neyland having been tried by a jury and found guilty of the following offences to-wit: Gase No. 74-30, Count six, assault and battery on 1.A. Bunting, (a lesser included offence of aggravated assault.)

Case No. 74-33, Petit larceny, (a lesser included offense of Grand Larceny

You are adjudged by the Court to be guilty of each of the aforesaid orims as found by the jury.

What have you to say why the sentence of the law should not be passed upon you?

You say nothing to stay judgment, it is the sentence of the law, pursuant to the rule relating to orimes arising out of a single transaction, that for the orimes of:
Case No. 74-30, Count six, assault and battery on L.A.Buntin, and Case No. 74-33, Patit largeny, for which you stand convicted, you will be punished by being confined in the County Jail for and during a period of 31 5 days, with oredit for 106 days jail time.

This is a consequtive sentence to be served after consecutive folony sentences imposed herewith are served.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN COURT, this the 19 day of June A.D.

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CASE NO. 74-90 Count 1 & 2 Case No. 74-35

RICHARD K. SCHMIDT, a/k/a R. KENNETH NEYLAND

JUDGHENT AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT UNDER THE SYNCLE TRANSACTION

You, Richard R. Schmidt, a/k/a R.Kenneth Neyland having been tried by a jury and found guilty of the following offenses, to-wit:

Qass No. 74-30, Count one, assault with intent to commit murder on Dave Evers as alleged in the Information. Count two, assault with intent to commit murder on

Dave Akers as alleged in the Information. Shooting into vehicle occupied by Dave Evers and Dave Akers as alleged in the Information.

You are adjudged by the Court to be guilty of each of the eforesaid orines as found by the jury.

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You say nothing to stay judgment, it is the sentence of the law pursuant to the rule relating to orimes exising out of a single transaction, that for the crimes of: Case No.74-30, Count one, assault with intent to commit nurder on Dave Evers,

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I hereby corbify that the above and foregoing fingarprints on this judgment are the fingerprints of the defendant, Richard K.

Scholdt 4/k/a R.Kenneth Neyland, and that they were placed thorage by sold defendant in my presence, in open court, this !

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