



**BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

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In the Matter of)
)
STEPHEN HYLE)
 #23188)
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Case No. 2017-0202

SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537

The above-captioned matter comes on for Commission action through a summary proceeding under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-537, regarding the law enforcement certificate of STEPHEN HYLE (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Respondent holds a part-time law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission), certification number 23188.
2. Respondent was employed as a part-time law enforcement officer with the Belle Plaine Police Department from April 3, 2007 to December 26, 2017.
3. Respondent was also employed as an unarmed security officer at the Kansas Star Casino (KSC), a position that does not require a law enforcement certification.
4. Four red KSC chips were turned into lost and found. Each chip was worth \$5.00. The chips were held inside a podium. On June 17, 2017, Respondent

reached into the podium, took two of the chips, and placed them in his pocket.

5. Upon discovering that two of the chips were missing, KSC staff reviewed security footage and saw Respondent take the chips.
6. Respondent was questioned about the chips the next day. Respondent admitted to taking the chips, writing in a statement, "On June 17th while working @ the main podium had a severe [*sic*] lack of judgement and took 2 \$5.00 chips. This is the only time I have done this."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Criminal Conduct

7. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(5), the Commission may revoke the certification of any police or law enforcement officer who engages in conduct which, if charged as a crime, would constitute a felony crime under the laws of this state, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act at the time the conduct occurred, or a misdemeanor crime that the Commission determines reflects on the honesty, trustworthiness, integrity or competence of the applicant as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission.
8. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(26) states that pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616 and amendments thereto, an applicant or officer shall not engage in conduct, whether or not charged as a crime or resulting in a conviction, that would constitute theft, as defined in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-5801 and amendments thereto.
9. Respondent committed theft when he took the KSC chips from the podium.

Good Moral Character

10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(1) the Commission may suspend, condition, revoke, reprimand, censure or deny the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who fails to meet and maintain the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5605 or 74-5607a, and amendments thereto.

11. K.S.A. 74-5605(b)(5) states that each applicant for certification shall be of good moral character sufficient to warrant the public trust in the applicant as a police officer or law enforcement officer.
12. K.A.R. 106-2-4 defines good moral character as including the personal traits or qualities of integrity, honesty, upholding the laws of the state and nation, conduct that warrants the public trust, and upholding the oath required for certification as specified in K.A.R. 106-3-6.
13. Respondent's conduct reflects a lack of the personal traits or qualities that define good moral character.

Summary Proceedings

14. Under K.S.A. 77-537, the Commission may conduct these summary proceedings, subject to Respondent's request for a hearing. The Commission finds that the use of summary proceedings in these circumstances does not violate any provisions of law and the protection of the public interest does not require the Commission to give notice and opportunity to participate to any person other than Respondent.

ORDER

Based on the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of STEPHEN HYLE be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF STEPHEN HYLE IS HEREBY REVOKED.

FURTHER, respondent is ordered to surrender and return to the Commission all evidence of her certification as a law enforcement officer.

DATED this 27th day of June, 2018.

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Jeff Herrig
Chairperson, Investigative Committee

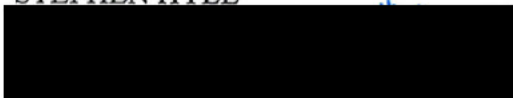
NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Summary Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for a hearing to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, 1999 N. Amidon, Suite 350, Wichita, Kansas 67203. This written request must be filed within fifteen (15) days from the date indicated in the Certificate of Service below. If a written request for hearing is not so made, this Summary Order becomes final and effective upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.

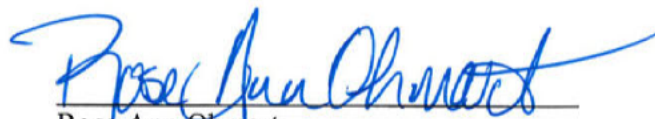
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 27th day of June, 2018, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation of Certificate were deposited in the United States mail, certified, return receipt requested, and deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

STEPHEN HYLE



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