



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

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In the Matter of)
)
CHRISTI MCCHESENEY)
 #30093)
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Case No. 2019-0145

SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537

The above-captioned matter comes on for action by the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) through a summary proceeding under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-537, regarding the law enforcement certification of CHRISTI MCCHESENEY (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Respondent holds a full-time law enforcement certification from the Commission, certification number 30093.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Edwardsville Police Department (EPD) from October 2, 2017 to April 2, 2019.
3. On March 22, 2019, Respondent conducted a traffic stop in which she discovered the driver was uninsured, had a suspended driver's license, and had municipal warrants. EPD Sgt. Johnson arrived as Respondent's

backup. Sgt. Johnson asked Respondent if the driver was insured, to which Respondent indicated that he was. Respondent knew her statement to Sgt. Johnson was false. Before Sgt. Johnson departed the stop, Respondent affirmed that she would issue a citation to the driver for a turn violation and driving while suspended, despite her intent to only issue a warning for those violations. Respondent's actions on the traffic stop violated EPD policy. Therefore, an investigation was opened. During the investigation, Respondent admitted that she intentionally misled Sgt. Johnson regarding the traffic stop.

4. Based on the information in paragraph three, a Commission interview with Respondent was necessary to determine her continued suitability for law enforcement certification. Commission Investigator Don Read mailed Respondent a notice with the time and date of the interview. The notice was sent by certified mail and signed for by Respondent. Respondent failed to appear for the interview. Investigator Read contacted Respondent by phone and she indicated that she had changed her career and did not intend to attend an interview regarding her law enforcement certification. Investigator Read was therefore unable to complete an interview with Respondent.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Unprofessional Conduct

5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(7), the Commission may revoke the certification of any police or law enforcement officer who has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission.
6. K.A.R. 106-2-3(j)(1) defines unprofessional conduct as, except for a legitimate law enforcement purpose, intentionally using a false or deceptive statement in any official document or official communication.

7. Respondent intentionally used false or deceptive statements to a supervisor during the course of a work-related investigation.

Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation

8. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(3), the Commission may revoke the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who provides false information or otherwise fails to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine a person's continued suitability for law enforcement certification.
9. Respondent failed to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine her continued suitability for law enforcement certification.

Good Moral Character

10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(1) the Commission may revoke 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 to warrant the public trust in the applicant as a police officer or law enforcement officer.
12. K.A.R. 106-2-4(a) 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 shows that she lacks the personal qualities of integrity, honesty, upholding the laws of the state, conduct that warrants the public trust, and upholding the oath required for certification.

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 Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of CHRISTI MCCHESENEY be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTI MCCHESENEY 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 25th day of October, 2019.

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Jeff Herrig
Chair, Investigative Committee

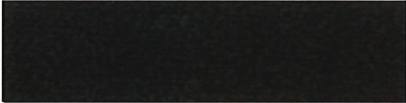
NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER

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 25th day of October, 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation was deposited in the United States mail, certified, return receipt requested, and deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to:

CHRISTI MCCHESENEY



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rose Ann Ohmart", written over a horizontal line.

Rose Ann Ohmart
Senior Administrative Assistant
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training