



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

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In the Matter of)

HEDRICK CINTRON)
#26599)

Case No. 2018-0217

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 certification of HEDRICK CINTRON (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Respondent holds a full-time law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission), certification number 26599.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Overland Park Police Department (OPPD) from March 23, 2015 to July 16, 2018.
3. The OPPD opened an investigation related to citations issued in conjunction with a seatbelt enforcement grant. Respondent was found to have issued seatbelt tickets to citizens despite knowing that the citizens were wearing their seatbelts. This occurred on multiple occasions. Additionally, in those instances, Respondent submitted police reports and filed

documents with the court that falsely stated the individuals were not wearing their seatbelts. Respondent stated that he did so to “cut” some drivers a break and to increase his seatbelt citations for the seatbelt enforcement grant. Respondent admits there were times he intentionally turned off his audio recording device when explaining the citation because he did not want his conversation with the driver about giving them a break to be recorded.

4. Based on the information in paragraph three, a Commission interview with Respondent was necessary to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification.
5. Commission Investigator Don Read scheduled an interview for December 26, 2018 and notified Respondent by mail. The notice was sent both certified mail and first-class mail with tracking. Respondent signed for the certified copy of the letter. On December 1, 2018, Respondent emailed Investigator Read and stated that he would not be available for the interview. Investigator Read attempted to work with Respondent to reschedule the interview. Respondent did not appear for his scheduled interviews.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Unprofessional Conduct

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Respondent intentionally issued false citations for seatbelt violations, despite knowing that the recipient of the ticket was wearing a seatbelt. His dishonesty was not for a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation

9. 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.

10. Respondent failed to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification. Respondent failed to appear for his scheduled interviews.

Good Moral Character

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Respondent's conduct shows that he 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

15. 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

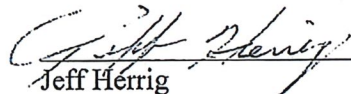
Based on the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of HEDRICK CINTRON be revoked.

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

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

DATED this 9th day of August, 2019.

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Jeff Herrig
Chair, Investigative Committee

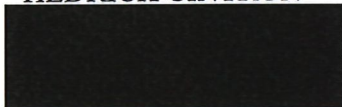
NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER

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.

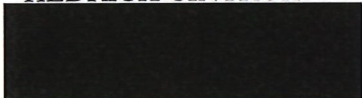
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 9th day of August, 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:

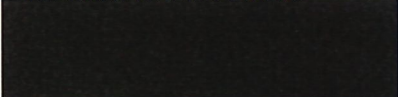
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