



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

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In the Matter of )

**STEVEN RIOS** )  
#13501 )

**Case No. 2019-0105**

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**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 STEVEN RIOS (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 13501.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department (KCKPD) from June 1, 1986 to December 31, 2018.
3. On March 9, 2018, the KCKPD cadets were assigned to assist at the training academy. Respondent approached a female cadet from behind. Respondent reached into the cadet's sweatshirt pouch and placed candy in it. While doing so, Respondent pressed his groin against her buttocks and moved his hand down her abdomen.

4. Based on his conduct specified in paragraph three, Respondent was criminally charged in the District Court of Wyandotte County, Case Number 2018CR0481, with one count of sexual battery, contrary to K.S.A. 21-5505, a class A person misdemeanor. On February 12, 2019, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere, and was found guilty, of one count of battery, contrary to K.S.A. 21-5413, a Class B person misdemeanor.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

##### Criminal Conduct

5. 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.
6. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(6) 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 battery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5413 and amendments thereto.
7. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(12) 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 sexual battery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5505 and amendments thereto.
8. Respondent's conduct as specified in paragraph three constitutes 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. Respondent's conduct constitutes battery, or in the alternative, sexual battery.

### Good Moral Character

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Pursuant to K.A.R. 106-2-4(b), any single incident or event may suffice to show that an applicant or licensee lacks or has failed to maintain good moral character.
13. Respondent's conduct, as specified in paragraph three and resulting in his conviction in the District Court of Wyandotte County, Case Number 2018CR0481, 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

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 STEVEN RIOS be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF STEVEN RIOS 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING



Jeff Herrig  
Chair, Investigative Committee

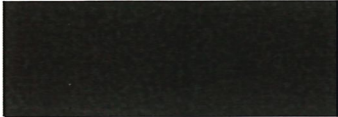
**NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER**

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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:

STEVEN RIOS



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rose Ann Ohmart".

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