

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of)		
ELIJAH FARRAN #31837)))	Case No.	2020-0233
)		

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 ELIJAH FARRAN (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 31837.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Iola Police Department (IPD) from February 10, 2020 to December 1, 2020.
- 3. The IPD opened an investigation on Respondent after several incidents and complaints regarding his conduct. The investigation focused on dishonest statements from Respondent to IPD supervisors. In addition to other minor allegations of untruthfulness, these included an incident on October 3, 2020 in which Respondent spoke to a superior officer about

bonding his girlfriend out of jail; a November 3, 2020 situation in which Respondent was dishonest about the time and location of his uncle's funeral when attempting to trade shifts; a November 21, 2020 traffic stop involving a possible DUI; and an investigation into whether Respondent offered money for explicit photos or sex to two separate adult females.

- 4. The Commission investigation revealed that Respondent was dishonest in the IPD internal investigation.
- 5. After separating from employment with the IPD, Respondent began illegally using methamphetamine.

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.

Dishonesty in Official Communication

- 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 was intentionally dishonest in the IPD internal investigation regarding multiple instances of his conduct, including whether he offered money to females for explicit photos or sex acts. His dishonesty was not related to a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

Using Unlawful Controlled Substance

9. K.A.R. 106-2-3(j)(5) defines unprofessional conduct as using any controlled substance that is unlawful to possess, as defined by K.S.A. 21-5706, and amendments thereto.

10. Respondent's use of methamphetamine constitutes unprofessional conduct.

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 ELIJAH FARRAN be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF ELIJAH FARRAN
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 day of _______, 2021.

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 day of day of day of 2021, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation was deposited in the United States mail, certified, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, with tracking, addressed to:

ELIJAH FARRAN

Rose Ann Kelley

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training