



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

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In the Matter of)
)
JEFFREY NORWOOD)
 #29607)
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Case No. 2021-0120

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 JEFFREY NORWOOD (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Commission granted Respondent a full-time law enforcement certification, certification number 29607.
2. Respondent was employed with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department (KCKPD) as a full-time law enforcement officer from January 17, 2019 to January 14, 2021.
3. On December 20, 2020, two witnesses called 911 to report seeing two suspects shoot into a house and then leave in a truck. The witnesses drove to the house to check on the occupants. Respondent and Officer Morris

were dispatched to the vicinity for a shots-fired call and were contacted by the witnesses. The witnesses told the officers that they observed shell casings in the street and near the driveway directly in front of the house. They also observed a set of car keys in the middle of the road, where the shooters had been standing. One of the witnesses gave the keys to Respondent. The witness also relayed the information about the shell casings and keys to 911 when reporting the incident. Officers Norwood and Morris cleared the shots-fired call as unfounded approximately ten minutes after arriving and did not log any of the evidence identified by the witnesses in the property room.

4. A KCKPD detective was subsequently investigating a homicide in the same area and discovered the 911 call made by the witnesses. After learning that the witnesses turned over car keys and shell casings that were not properly recorded or logged, the KCDPD opened an investigation.
5. On January 7, 2021, Respondent was interviewed about the shots-fired call. Respondent stated that he made contact with two witnesses. He stated that one witness had a set of keys in his hand, but never gave them to Respondent. Respondent also stated that, after being told about the presence of shell casings by the witnesses, he searched for the casings on foot and did not locate any.
6. On January 7, 2021, Respondent completed an Officer Action Form in which he prepared a written statement. Respondent stated that one of the witnesses had a set of keys in his hand and they stayed in his hand the entire time. Respondent wrote that he and Officer Morris checked the street for signs of gunfire but were unable to find any shell casings. He further stated, "No one gave me anything and there was no evidence to collect."
7. After further investigation, Respondent was interviewed for a second time on January 9, 2021. After being confronted about his honesty in the previous interview, Respondent acknowledged that he was handed the car

keys and later placed them in his patrol vehicle. He stated that he and Officer Morris observed casings in the street but decided they looked old and decided not to collect them. He realized that his first interview was dishonest and that it was a mistake.

8. On January 9, 2021, Respondent completed an Officer Action Form in which he prepared a written statement. Respondent wrote that one of the witnesses gave him a set of keys that he placed in his patrol vehicle and that he and Officer Morris located a few shell casings and determined that they looked old. Respondent stated that he was going to do a found property report for the keys but could not locate them. Respondent stated, "I realize that my first interview was dishonest and the more I've thought about it I know I made a horrible mistake."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Unprofessional Conduct – Dishonesty in Official Communication

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Respondent was intentionally dishonest in the investigation regarding a shots-fired call that he worked with Officer Morris. His dishonesty was not related to a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

Good Moral Character

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Pursuant to K.A.R. 106-2-4(b), any single incident or event may suffice to show that a law enforcement officer has failed to maintain good moral character.
16. Respondent's conduct shows that he lacks the personal qualities of integrity, honesty, conduct that warrants the public trust, and upholding the oath required for certification.

Summary Proceedings

17. 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

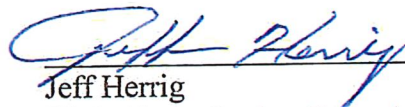
Based on the Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of JEFFREY NORWOOD be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF JEFFREY NORWOOD 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 28th day of June, 2021.

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Jeff Herrig
Chair, Investigative Committee

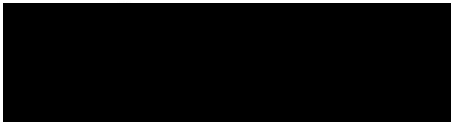
NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER

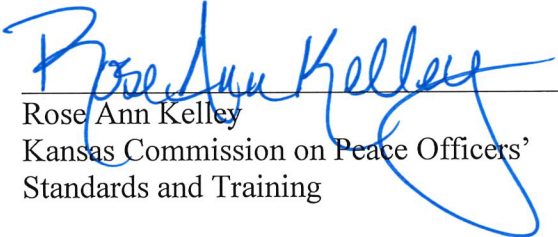
Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Summary Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for a hearing to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, 1999 N. Amidon, Suite 350, Wichita, Kansas 67203. This written request must 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 28th day of June, 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:

JEFFREY NORWOOD





Rose Ann Kelley
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training