



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

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In the Matter of)
)
MICHAEL WAMBOLD)
 #19297)
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Case No. 2020-0208

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 MICHAEL WAMBOLD (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 19297.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Newton Police Department (NPD) from August 20, 2000 to April 27, 2018 and from September 10, 2018 to September 21, 2020.
3. On September 17, 2020, the Halstead Police Department (HPD) received a call from a resident who had returned home and noticed damage to his residence walls. The homeowner located a bullet in one wall, and what appeared to be bullet holes in two other

walls. Respondent is the homeowner's neighbor. Upon investigation, the HPD also located a bullet hole in the exterior of Respondent's house. The bullet hole in Respondent's residence appeared to be an exit point, while the neighbor's exterior bullet hole appeared to be an entry point.

4. Respondent's wife stated that she heard a loud bang at approximately 5:00 pm on September 17, 2020. However, Respondent, who was in his home at that time getting ready for work, told the HPD that he did not hear anything. The neighbor reviewed his front door video camera and noticed that Respondent had come to his home twice and knocked on the door after the shot was heard by his wife.
5. When he arrived at work on the night of September 17, Respondent sold a .223 caliber rifle to another officer. The caliber of this rifle is consistent with the size and velocity of the wall damage to both Respondent and his neighbor's homes.
6. The NPD became aware that Respondent's house had been shot and was concerned about whether this was targeted at him as a police officer. The NPD spoke with both Respondent and the HPD about the investigation into the shooting. The NPD discovered that Respondent's account of the situation was not consistent with what he told the HPD. Respondent's account to the NPD was also inconsistent with the physical evidence in the HPD investigation. Due to these inconsistencies, the NPD opened an internal investigation and interviewed Respondent. When confronted with the inconsistencies between his account to the HPD, the physical evidence in the HPD investigation, initial statements to the NPD and his current account to the NPD, Respondent abruptly resigned. Respondent did not answer any more questions about the shooting.
7. Based on the information in paragraphs three through six, a Commission interview with Respondent was necessary to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification.

8. Commission Investigator Bruce Mellor conducted an interview with Respondent on October 20, 2020. Although Respondent attended the interview, he refused to discuss the shooting or the inconsistencies in his accounts about the shooting. Respondent understood that his failure to cooperate in the Commission investigation could impact his certification and stated that he was “willing to let [his] certification go.”

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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.

Summary Proceedings

11. 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 MICHAEL WAMBOLD be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF MICHAEL WAMBOLD 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 5th day of February, 2021.

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Jeff Herrig
Chair, Investigative Committee

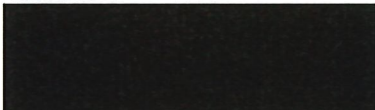
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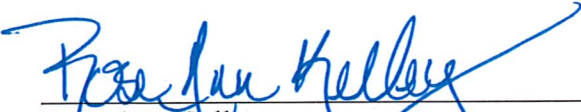
Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Summary Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for a hearing to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, 1999 N. Amidon, Suite 350, Wichita, Kansas 67203. This written request must 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 5th day of February, 2021, 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 with tracking, addressed to:

MICHAEL WAMBOLD





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