



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

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In the Matter of)
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TYRONE HALL)
 #27870)
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Case No. 2020-0228

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 TYRONE HALL (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Commission granted Respondent a full-time law enforcement certification on September 12, 2014, certification number 27870.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) from June 19, 2019 to October 24, 2020.
3. In May 2020, Respondent asked his supervisor, KHP Lieutenant Istas, if he could have a ride-along. Lt. Istas explained that Respondent would be required to complete a ride-along form and receive prior approval from the captain. Lt. Istas informed Respondent that it was unlikely the ride-along

would be approved as Respondent was still a probationary employee. Respondent never completed the ride-along paperwork. Approximately a week or two after Respondent's inquiry, Lt. Ista responded to a call to assist Respondent. Lt. Ista observed an unknown female in Respondent's patrol vehicle. When questioned about the female, Respondent stated that the female was his girlfriend. Lt. Ista sternly instructed Respondent that he could not have a ride-along and Respondent stated that he understood.

4. At approximately 10:36 PM on June 19, 2020, Respondent was on-duty and stationary in his patrol vehicle on the side of the road. A pickup passed Respondent. Respondent pulled onto the road and accelerated after the pickup to conduct a traffic stop for an equipment violation. Despite Respondent's activated emergency equipment, the pickup did not pull over. Instead, the pickup quickly accelerated, driving in the oncoming lane of traffic. The pickup turned off the paved road and onto a dirt road. Respondent initially chased the pickup but ultimately lost sight of it and discontinued the pursuit.
5. A supervisory review of Respondent's June 19 vehicle pursuit was conducted. KHP Captain Atkinson reviewed video footage of Respondent's pursuit and suspected that someone was in the vehicle with Respondent during the pursuit. Captain Atkinson requested that Lt. Ista review the video again, paying attention to the voices at the beginning of the video. Lt. Ista spoke with Respondent about the voice that could be heard in the background of the video footage of the traffic stop. Respondent told Lt. Ista that he was on the phone with his girlfriend at the time of the pursuit and denied having a ride-along.
6. Captain Atkinson reviewed Respondent's video footage of another traffic stop that occurred just prior to the pursuit. During the traffic stop, a female voice can again be overheard in the background. A local sheriff's deputy

stopped at the traffic stop to see if Respondent needed assistance. As the deputy was leaving, Respondent can be heard saying, “that’s my girlfriend.”

7. On October 12, 2020, Captain Atkinson and Lt. Ista met with Respondent. Captain Atkinson stated that it sounded like there was someone in the vehicle with Respondent at the time of the vehicle pursuit and asked Respondent if the information he had previously given about not having a ride-along at the time was correct. Respondent stated he was sure that his previous statements were correct. When confronted about being dishonest, Respondent admitted that he had a ride-along at the time of the vehicle pursuit. Respondent admitted that he had unauthorized ride-alongs on three other occasions: twice with his girlfriend and once with a deputy.
8. In an interview with Commission Investigator Michael Oliver, Respondent admitted that he was dishonest with Lt. Ista and Captain Atkinson when denying his girlfriend was in the vehicle during the June 19 pursuit.

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 with Lt. Ista and Captain Atkinson regarding his girlfriend being present in his patrol vehicle during a vehicle pursuit on June 19, 2020. Respondent’s dishonesty was not related to a legitimate law enforcement purpose, but to avoid an adverse employment action for his repeated policy violation.

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 TYRONE HALL be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF TYRONE HALL 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 17th day of February, 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 18th 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:

TYRONE HALL





Staff
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training

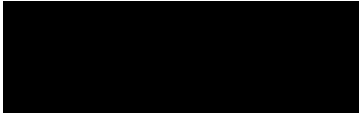
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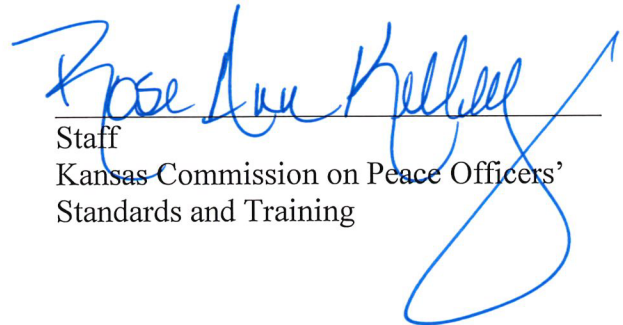
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This is to certify that on the 25th day of March, 2021, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation was deposited in the United States mail, certified, return receipt requested, and deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, with tracking, addressed to:

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