

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of)		
GREGORY HALLGRIMSON)	Case No.	2021-0193
#21071))		

SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537

The above-captioned matter comes on for Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) action through a summary proceeding under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-537, regarding the law enforcement certification of GREGORY HALLGRIMSON (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Commission issued Respondent a full-time law enforcement certification, certification number 21071.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Basehor Police Department from October 13, 2003, to March 27, 2013. Respondent was not employed as a law enforcement officer in Kansas at the time of the conduct set forth below.
- 3. On December 17, 2018, Respondent was employed as the Police Chief for the Greenwood Police Department (GPD) in Greenwood, Missouri. J.Z.

entered the GPD and stated that he had drowned his child in a pond. Respondent reported to the location described by J.Z. and located the infant, who was initially non-responsive, in the pond. Respondent and his partner began administering first aid to the infant while awaiting the arrival of EMS personnel. After their arrival, Respondent returned to the GPD, where J.Z. was in custody.

- 4. Respondent entered the GPD and immediately walked to J.Z., who was handcuffed behind his back and sitting in a chair. Respondent grabbed J.Z. out of the chair and threw him to the ground, got on top of J.Z.'s torso, and began screaming at J.Z. while striking him in the face with a closed fist. Respondent was eventually pulled off J.Z. Respondent left the area and indicated that he was quitting because he crossed the line. J.Z. sustained injuries to his face that included a laceration and bruising.
- 5. Respondent was criminally charged in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Western Division, Case Number 1900373-CR-01-W-HFS. Respondent entered a guilty plea for violating 18 U.S.C. 242, that is, while acting under color of law, Respondent willfully deprived J.Z. of a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, namely, the right to be free from unreasonable seizure, which includes the right to be free from the unreasonable use of force by one acting under color of law.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Fail to Maintain Minimum Requirements for Certification

6. 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.

Felony Conviction

- 7. K.S.A. 74-5605(b)(3) states that each applicant for certification shall not have been convicted of a crime that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence or a misdemeanor offense that the Commission determines reflects on the honesty, trustworthiness, integrity or competence of the applicant as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission.
- 8. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5605(d), a conviction includes rendering of judgment by a court of the United States.
- 9. Due to his felony conviction in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Western Division, Case Number 1900373-CR-01-W-HFS, Respondent fails to meet and maintain the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5605.

Good Moral Character

- 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 a licensee lacks or has failed to maintain good moral character.
- 13. Respondent's conduct shows that he lacks the personal qualities of integrity, 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 these Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of GREGORY HALLGRIMSON be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF GREGORY HALLGRIMSON 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 elbruary, 2022.

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 <u>12th</u> day of <u>1 hurrary</u>, 2022, 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, addressed to:

GREGORY HALLGRIMSON

Rose Ann Kelley

Senior Administrative Assistant

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training