

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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| In the Matter of |) | | |
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| JASON KENNEY |) | Case No. 2021-0204 | |
| #28757 |) | | |

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 JASON KENNEY (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 28757.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Butler Community College Department of Public Safety (BCCDPS) from August 26, 2015, to August 4, 2021. Respondent was the Chief of the BCCDPS at the time of his employment separation.
- 3. The Commission received a complaint from a BCCDPS officer indicating that his Commission training record reflected that he completed his annual firearms qualification

in 2021, but that he had not done so. The Commission opened an investigation and requested assistance from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to conduct a criminal investigation.

- 4. The KBI investigation revealed that two hours of training was reported to the Commission as "Annual Firearms" on May 28, 2021, on behalf of Respondent and two other officers. The training was entered at the direction of Respondent as the Chief of the BCCDPS. However, the three officers did not conduct their annual firearms qualification, or otherwise receive annual firearms training, on May 28 or any other day in the 2021 Training Year (July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021).
- 5. On July 30, 2021, Respondent told KBI Special Agent Anthony Maness (SA Maness) that he was responsible for the May 28 entries into the Commission Central Registry. Respondent stated that the firearms qualification entries were not accurate, but that all three officers had qualified "unofficially" earlier in the year using the appropriate targets and required course of fire. Later that day, Respondent recontacted SA Maness and admitted that he lied when he stated that he and the other two officers had completed their firearms qualification. Respondent stated that he made up the information to be entered with the Commission.
- 6. During their contact on July 30, SA Maness asked Respondent if he had instructed any of his personnel how to respond if contacted by the KBI regarding the investigation. Respondent denied that he had done so. However, on July 31, 2021, Respondent contacted SA Maness, admitted that he had lied, and admitted that he had previously contacted BCCDPS officers and instructed them on what to say if they were interviewed by the KBI.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Criminal Conduct

7. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(5), the Commission may revoke the certification of any police or law enforcement officer who engages in conduct which, if charged as a crime, would constitute a felony crime under the laws of this state, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act at the time the

conduct occurred, or a misdemeanor crime 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. K.S.A. 21-5824 defines making false information as making, generating, distributing or drawing, or causing to be made, generated, distributed or drawn, any written instrument, electronic data or entry in a book of account with knowledge that such information falsely states or represents some material matter or is not what it purports to be, and with intent to defraud, obstruct the detection of a theft or felony offense or induce official action. Making False Information is a severity level 8, nonperson felony.
- 9. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(35) states that, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616, and amendments thereto, an applicant or officer shall not engage in conduct, whether or not charged as a crime or resulting in a conviction, that would constitute interference with law enforcement, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5904, and amendments thereto.
- 10. Respondent's conduct constitutes felony and misdemeanor crimes that the Commission determines reflects on the honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, or competence of the applicant as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission. Respondent's conduct constitutes making false information and interference with law enforcement.

Knowingly Submit False or Misleading Documents

11. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(2), the Commission may revoke the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who has knowingly submitted false or misleading documents or willfully failed to obtain any certification under the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act. Respondent knowingly submitted false documents to the Commission.

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 sufficient 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 licensee lacks or has failed to maintain good moral character.
- 16. 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

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 above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of JASON KENNEY be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF JASON KENNEY 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 22 day of august, 2022.

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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 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, addressed to:

JASON KENNEY

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training