

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

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In the Matter of	)		
LAWRENCE FARR #20585	) )	Case No. 2021-0231	
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## **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 LAWRENCE FARR (Respondent).

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 20585.
- 2. Respondent began employment as a law enforcement officer in Kansas in 2002. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Basehor Police Department from July 6, 2021, to November 8, 2021.
- 3. On October 7, 2021, Respondent was on the phone with his estranged wife. Respondent said "goodbye" and then a gunshot could be heard. Local law enforcement was notified and officers from both the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office and the Basehor Police

Department responded. Once Respondent was located, he made comments to responding officers that included, "I had you in my sights this whole time" and "you didn't bring enough people to get this done." After lengthy negotiations, Respondent was persuaded to peaceably exit his basement and was transported to

- 4. Several hours after being transported to the attempted to leave. A hospital security officer, K.M., approached Respondent and put her hands up in a "stop" motion. Respondent reached out with both hands and pushed K.M., causing her to fall to the ground. As K.M. was falling, she grabbed Respondent's arm, which caused him to fall forward as well. As Respondent was falling, he raised his arm and hit K.M. in the face, causing visible injury to her face.
- Based on Respondent's conduct in paragraphs three and four, he was criminally charged with battery in the Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court, Case Number M000623256-7.
   Respondent was convicted of one count of battery on July 12, 2022.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

#### Criminal Conduct

- 6. 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.
- 7. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(6) 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 battery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5413, and amendments thereto.

8. Respondent's conduct constitutes 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. Respondent's conduct constitutes battery.

#### Good Moral Character

- 9. 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.
- 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 the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of LAWRENCE FARR be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF LAWRENCE FARR 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 24th day of Och her, 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 24th day of 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, and deposited in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

LAWRENCE FARR

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training