



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

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In the Matter of)
)
STEVEN HIPPS)
 #7162)
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Case No. 2021-0251

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 STEVEN HIPPS (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 7162.
2. Respondent began law enforcement employment in Kansas in 1981. He was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Sedgwick County Courthouse Police from November 18, 2013, to May 9, 2014, and from July 21, 2014, to December 31, 2021.
3. On October 1, 2021, Respondent was in a phone disagreement with his wife. Respondent left work early and went home but discovered his wife was not there. Respondent had a couple shots of whiskey and decided to go look for his wife. While driving out of Valley

Center, Respondent was stopped for driving infractions by an officer with the Valley Center Police Department. Respondent was ultimately arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) after submitting to a breath test. Respondent was released from jail and driven home by a neighbor.

4. Respondent was able to reach his wife by phone at approximately 2:00 a.m. on October 2, 2021. After learning his wife's location, Respondent left his residence on his motorcycle with the intent to drive to his wife. On the way, Respondent collided with a deer. Another motorist stopped to check on Respondent and the authorities were contacted. A Harvey County Sheriff's Office Deputy arrived at the crash and smelled an odor of alcohol coming from Respondent. A DUI investigation was conducted, and Respondent was again arrested for DUI.
5. Respondent was criminally convicted in the District Court of Harvey County, Case Number 2021-TR-922, with one count of DUI, contrary to K.S.A. 8-1567, on January 3, 2022. Respondent was criminally convicted of a second count of DUI in the Municipal Court of Valley Center, Case Number 20152TR, on April 27, 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)(58) 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 a second or subsequent occurrence of driving under the influence, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1567, 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 a second occurrence of driving under the influence.

Summary Proceedings

9. 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

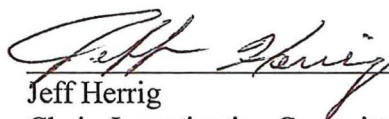
Based on the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of STEVEN HIPPS be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF STEVEN HIPPS 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 15th day of August, 2022.

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Jeff Herrig
Chair, Investigative Committee

NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM THIS SUMMARY ORDER

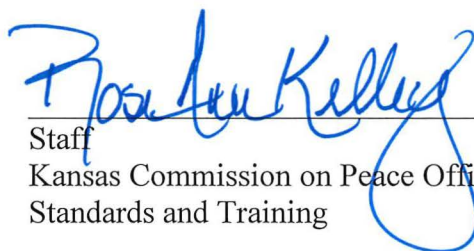
Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, the Summary Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for a hearing to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, 1999 N. Amidon, Suite 350, Wichita, Kansas 67203. This written request must 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 15th day of August, 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:

STEVEN HIPPS





Staff
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training