



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

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In the Matter of)
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CHRISTOPHER CORBIT) **Case No. 2022-0139**
#18900)
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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 CHRISTOPHER CORBIT (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 18900.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Galena Police Department (GPD) from February 12, 2001 to March 16, 2001; from March 14, 2005 to June 21, 2005; from April 12, 2012 to October 1, 2014; and from January 22, 2015 to November 22, 2022. He was employed as a part-time officer with the GPD from November 1, 2014 to January 22, 2015.

3. On multiple occasions, Respondent engaged in conduct that would constitute theft under Kansas law while shopping at the Walmart in Miami, Oklahoma. While using the self-checkout, Respondent stacked items so that only one item would be scanned, covered UPC codes with his hand so that they would not be scanned, and held items in his arm then handed them to his wife or placed them directly into a bag with no attempt to scan the items. A Walmart Asset Protection Associate documented occurrences of shoplifting by Respondent on September 10, 2022, with a loss of \$84.10; on September 15, 2022, with a loss of \$8.77; on September 18, 2022, with a loss of \$81.00; September 27, 2022, with a loss of \$15.55; on October 16, 2022, with a loss of \$98.96; on October 22, 2022, with a loss of \$83.18; on November 8, 2022, with a loss of \$141.58; and on November 17, 2022, with a loss of \$29.95.
4. Respondent was criminally charged in Municipal Court in the City of Miami, Oklahoma, with eight counts of larceny by shoplifting. Respondent entered a no contest plea on three counts, received a suspended sentence on four counts, and had one count dismissed upon payment of court costs.
5. Based on the information in paragraphs three and four, an in-person Commission interview with Respondent was necessary to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification. Commission Investigator George Brown repeatedly contacted Respondent to schedule an interview. After those attempts were unsuccessful, Investigator Brown set an interview and notified Respondent by email. Respondent did not appear for his scheduled interview and did not cooperate with the interview process.

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)(26) 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 theft, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5802, and amendments thereto.
8. Respondent's conduct constitutes a misdemeanor crime that the Commission determines reflects on his honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, or competence as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission. Respondent's conduct constitutes theft.

Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation

9. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(3), the Commission may revoke the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who provides false information or otherwise fails to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine a person's continued suitability for law enforcement certification.
10. Respondent failed to submit to a Commission interview and therefore failed to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification.

Good Moral Character

11. 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.
12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Respondent's conduct shows that he has failed to maintain good moral character sufficient to warrant the public trust in him as a law enforcement officer.

Summary Proceedings

15. 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 CHRISTOPHER CORBIT be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTOPHER CORBIT 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 13 day of November, 2023.

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 13th day of November 2023, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation was deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, with tracking, addressed to:

CHRISTOPHER CORBIT



Rose Kelley
Staff
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training