

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of)		
CAMERON ZANE #32744)	Case No. 2022-0159	

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 CAMERON ZANE (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 32744.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) from August 16, 2021 to March 30, 2023.
- 3. On December 11, 2022, Respondent was working a part-time security job at Jumpstart. Respondent was wearing his SCSO uniform and was approved to work in the position as a representative of the SCSO. A Jumpstart employee asked Respondent to remove a customer, K.N., from the property for loitering in the restroom. As Respondent was

removing K.N., a physical altercation took place and Respondent took K.N. to the ground. While K.N. was face-down on the ground with Respondent on his back, he continued to be non-compliant. Respondent struck K.N. in the face with a closed fist, causing his nose to bleed. Respondent got off K.N. and told him to leave the property. Several minutes later, Respondent observed K.N. outside the Jumpstart window, still on the property. Respondent reengaged with K.N., told him to leave the property, and began throwing K.N.'s personal property across the parking lot. Respondent grabbed K.N. and attempted to push him across the property. K.N. pushed back against Respondent, who then threw K.N. to the ground. While K.N. was on the ground, Respondent again picked up his personal property and threw it to the edge of the Jumpstart property.

- 4. A criminal investigation was conducted regarding Respondent's actions toward K.N. on December 11, 2022. During an interview, Respondent stated that he threw K.N. to the ground because he did not want to fight standing up. Respondent said he was "sick of it and threw him to the ground." Respondent also make the decision to throw K.N. to the ground a second time due to becoming angrier. Respondent stated he was so angry that he had to take a lap around the building after throwing K.N. to the ground a second time.
- 5. Based on his conduct in paragraphs three and four, Respondent was criminally charged in the Eighteenth Judicial Court, Sedgwick County, Case Number 2022-CR-1943-MD, with one count of disorderly conduct, contrary to K.S.A. 21-6203. Respondent entered a diversion agreement in the case.

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)(50) 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 disorderly conduct, as defined in K.S.A. 21-6203, 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 disorderly conduct.

Unprofessional Conduct

- 9. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(7), the Commission may revoke the certification of any police or law enforcement officer who has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission.
- 10. K.A.R. 106-2-3(f) defines unprofessional conduct as using excessive physical force in carrying out a law enforcement objective. As used in this subsection, physical force shall be deemed excessive it its greater than what a reasonable and prudent officer would use under the circumstances.
- 11. Respondent used excessive physical force against K.N. while carrying out a law enforcement objective.

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 has failed to maintain good moral character sufficient to warrant the public trust in him as a law enforcement officer.

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 CAMERON ZANE be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF CAMERON ZANE 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 15 day of Aug., 2023.

KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Jeff Herrig Chair 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 12023, 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, with tracking, postage prepaid, addressed to:

CAMERON ZANE

Staff

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training