

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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| In the Matter of |) | | |
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| JOHN WILLIAMS |) | Case No. | 2021-0208 |
| #25411 |) | | |
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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 JOHN WILLIAMS (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 25411.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Wallace County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) from September 28, 2020, to September 14, 2021, and with the Greeley County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) from October 25, 2021, to December 7, 2021.
- 3. Respondent and his wife, D.W., were in the process of obtaining a divorce. D.W. filed for multiple protection from abuse (PFA) orders against Respondent, and made allegations that he had physically abused her and their young children. D.W.'s allegations were criminally investigated, and Respondent submitted to a polygraph examination. When one of the

polygraph charts was inconclusive, a retest was scheduled. Respondent declined to submit to further polygraph testing. The filing of the PFA orders led to Respondent's separation from employment with the WCSO and the GCSO.

4. Based on the information in paragraph three, an in-person Commission interview with Respondent was necessary to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification. Commission Investigator George Brown contacted Respondent to schedule an interview. Respondent did not appear for his scheduled interview and therefore did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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

- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.

- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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

12. 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 JOHN WILLIAMS be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF JOHN WILLIAMS 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 77 day of Feb, 2024.

KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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 27th day of brush, 2024, 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:

Staff

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'

Standards and Training