

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of)	
BRADLEY NIEMANN #31415)	Case No. 2022-0017

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 BRADLEY NIEMANN (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time law enforcement certification to Respondent, certification number 31415.
- 2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism (KDWPT) from July 28, 2019, to November 23, 2021.
- 3. Respondent was assigned to the Melvern Reservoir Wildlife Unit and was a supervisor for a work crew that completed maintenance and projects at the reservoir. Respondent's supervisor received complaints that Respondent was not showing up for work and that tools

needed for work were missing. The supervisor also noticed a reduction in productivity at the reservoir and discovered a fuel receipt signed by Respondent for a day that he took sick leave. The supervisor further investigated and found additional fuel receipts that could not be reconciled. The supervisor further investigated Respondent's activities with the KDWPT.

4. The investigation revealed that Respondent regularly used KDWPT vehicles and equipment for personal use; utilized subordinate employees to perform labor on personal tasks; took KDWPT property home, causing other employees to purchase new tools to complete official assignments; damaged a KDWPT vehicle while towing his personal camper and used the agency credit card to pay for the repair; and used the KDWPT credit card to buy fuel for his personal vehicles and for agency vehicles used for personal matters. Respondent admitted to all the above allegations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Criminal Conduct

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 criminal theft, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5801, and amendments thereto.
- 7. K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(45) 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 official misconduct, as defined in K.S.A. 21-6002, and amendments thereto.

8. Respondent's conduct constitutes misdemeanor crimes 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 theft and official misconduct.

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. Respondent's conduct shows that he lacks the personal qualities of integrity, honesty, upholding the laws of the state, conduct that warrants the public trust, and upholding the oath required for certification.

Summary Proceedings

13. 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 BRADLEY NIEMANN be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF BRADLEY NIEMANN 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 day of June, 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 Ath 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:

BRADLEY NIEMANN

Staff

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training