

BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of

JUSTIN MAXFIELD #18930 Case No. 2021-0141

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 JUSTIN MAXFIELD (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 18930.
- Respondent began employment as a law enforcement officer in Kansas in 2001. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office from July 7, 2008, to May 21, 2021.
- 3. Between March 24, 2021, and April 7, 2021, Respondent engaged in a course of conduct targeted at H.B., which would cause a reasonable person in such circumstances to fear for their safety and H.B. was actually placed in such fear.

- 4. H.B. and Respondent had been in a dating relationship for several years. The relationship ended in September 2020. On March 24, 2021, H.B. reported that she sent Respondent a text message telling him to stay away from her place of employment. Despite her text, Respondent came to her place of employment. On March 28, 2021, Respondent arrived at H.B.'s residence uninvited after he thought she blocked his phone number. After he left, H.B. told Respondent not to come by her house or work anymore. H.B. observed Respondent drive by her house, which is located in a cul-de-sac. H.B. later reported that Respondent went to her place of employment on April 3, 2021, which scared her and caught her off guard. She reported that Respondent was in uniform, kissed her on the forehead and left. On April 7, 2021, Respondent went to H.B.'s place of employment, tapped her on the shoulder, and asked to speak to her. H.B. reported that Respondent's actions made her nervous and uncomfortable.
- Based on Respondent's conduct in paragraph four, he was criminally charged in in the Eighteenth Judicial District, Case Number 2021-CR-677, with one count of stalking, contrary to K.S.A. 21-5427. Respondent entered a No Contest pleas and was found guilty of stalking.

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.
- K.A.R. 106-2-2a(a)(10) 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 stalking, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5427, and amendments thereto.

 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 stalking.

Good Moral Character

- 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.
- 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. 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.
- 13. 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

14. 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 JUSTIN MAXFIELD be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF JUSTIN MAXFIELD 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 19th day of October, 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 19th day of October, 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:

JUSTIN MAXFIELD

Staff

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training

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This is to certify that on the <u>7</u> day of <u>10000000</u>, 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, addressed to:

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