



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

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In the Matter of)
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WILLIAM KNIGHT)
#31112)
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Case No. 2022-0068

SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537

The above-captioned matter comes on for Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) action through a summary proceeding under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-537, regarding the law enforcement certification of WILLIAM KNIGHT (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Commission issued Respondent a full-time law enforcement certification, certification number 31112.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) from March 8, 2019, to May 13, 2022.
3. On May 13, 2022, Respondent was wearing his JCSO uniform and shopping in a retail store. Respondent proceeded to the self-checkout with several Pokemon card sets and some grocery items. As Respondent scanned the

Pokemon cards, he aroused the suspicions of an Asset Protection Investigator, who suspended the transaction. Respondent became nervous and stated he needed to leave because he had a "call." Respondent left the store and was later identified. Respondent admitted to investigating officers that he had taken several barcodes off inexpensive items he had at home, concealed them on his person while in the store, and placed the fraudulent barcodes over the Pokemon Universal Product Code (UPC) labels in order to "purchase" the items at a lower cost. The twelve Pokemon card sets Respondent took to the self-checkout had a total retail value of \$398.86.

4. As a result of his conduct on March 13, 2022, Respondent was criminally charged in Johnson County District Court, Case Number 22CR01371, with one count of unlawful acts involving theft detection shielding device, in violation of K.S.A. 21-5805, a level 9 non-person felony. Respondent entered a Diversion Agreement in the criminal case in August 2022.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Fail to Maintain Minimum Requirements for Certification

5. 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.

Felony Conviction

6. K.S.A. 74-5605(b)(3) states that each applicant for certification shall not have been convicted of a crime that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence or a misdemeanor offense 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. Pursuant to K.S.A. 21-5805(d), it is unlawful to possess one or more fraudulent retail sales receipts or universal product code labels or possessing the device which manufactures fraudulent retail sales receipts or universal product code labels with the intent to cheat or defraud a retailer. A person having possession, custody or control of 15 or more such receipts or labels or such device shall be presumed to possess such items with the intent to cheat or defraud a retailer. Pursuant to K.S.A. 21-5805(e), violation of this section is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
8. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5605(d), a "conviction" includes any diversion agreement entered into on or after July 1, 1995, for a felony.
9. Due to his conviction for a felony, Respondent fails to meet and maintain the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5605.

Good Moral Character

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, 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 these Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of WILLIAM KNIGHT be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF WILLIAM KNIGHT 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.

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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 with tracking, addressed to:

WILLIAM KNIGHT




Staff
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training