



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

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In the Matter of )  
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**CURTIS TYRA** )  
 #29879 )

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**Case No. 2021-0176**

**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 CURTIS TYRA (Respondent).

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time certification to Respondent, certification number 29879.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Herington Police Department (HPD) from January 7, 2018 to July 4, 2018 and from August 5, 2018 to February 7, 2022.
3. The HPD served a search warrant and condemned the home of J.C. on March 10, 2021. J.C. was allowed to be present at her house for the purpose of working on it and cleaning it but was not allowed to sleep there. On May 18, 2021, J.C. arrived at her residence and

noticed an HPD patrol vehicle parked in the alley behind her home. J.C. discovered that HPD Chief John Matula (Matula) had kicked open the back door of her residence, damaging it in the process. Respondent and Matula entered the residence without a search warrant and were inside when J.C. arrived. Matula ordered J.C. to leave. When she returned later that day, J.C. noticed that many of her items were out of place and a camera that had been mounted on the corner of the residence was laying broken in the street. Video from a porch camera showed Respondent walk onto the porch and disappear for a few seconds. J.C. believed that he ripped down the corner camera and broke it during this time. Respondent then appeared back in view of the functional camera, removed it from where it was mounted, and set it down.

4. Based on Respondent's conduct in paragraph three, he was criminally charged in the District Court of Dickinson County, Case Number 2021-CR-000169-MD, with one count of criminal trespass, contrary to K.S.A. 21-5808. Respondent entered a Diversion Agreement in the case.

#### 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)(29) 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 trespass, as defined in K.S.A. 21-5808, and amendments thereto.

7. 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 criminal trespass.

#### Good Moral Character

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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

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**

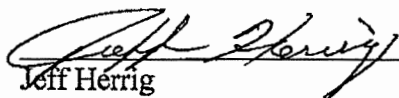
Based on the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of CURTIS TYRA be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF CURTIS TYRA 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 8 day of May, 2023.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, 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:

CURTIS TYRA



  
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Staff  
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'  
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