



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

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In the Matter of)
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ROBERT BLACKWELL) **Case No. 2021-0217**
#21054)
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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 ROBERT BLACKWELL (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Commission issued Respondent a full-time law enforcement certification, certification number 21054.
2. Respondent was employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Edwards County Sheriff's Office from September 1, 2012, to January 19, 2022.
3. On December 16, 2022, Respondent was found guilty of one count of domestic battery, contrary to K.S.A. 21-5414, in the District Court of Edwards County, Case Number ED 2022 CR 03. Respondent's conviction

was based on his conduct on September 26, 2021, against N.B. The terms of Respondent's sentencing include that he voluntarily surrender his law enforcement certification to the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Fail to Maintain Minimum Requirements for Certification

4. 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.

Conviction for a Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence

5. 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.
6. K.S.A. 74-5602(j) defines misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to include a violation of domestic battery as provided by K.S.A. 21-5414.
7. Due to his conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, Respondent fails to meet and maintain the requirements of K.S.A. 74-5605.

Good Moral Character

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 an applicant or 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 these Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of ROBERT BLACKWELL be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF ROBERT BLACKWELL 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 26th day of January, 2023.

KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS'
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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 26th day of January, 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, first-class postage prepaid with tracking, addressed to:

ROBERT BLACKWELL





Staff
Kansas Commission on Peace Officers'
Standards and Training