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The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST) is committed to providing the citizens of Kansas with qualified, trained, ethical, competent, and professional peace officers. It is also dedicated to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification of peace officers to promote public safety and preserve public trust and confidence.

Anyone reading this Integrity Bulletin will recognize that KSCPOST is active in monitoring the actions of Kansas law enforcement and pursuing certification actions in appropriate cases. Kansas law enforcement officers should review and be thoroughly aware of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act (K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq.) and Kansas Administrative Regulations that regulate officer certifications. Both are available on our website (www.kscpost.gov).

The intent of the bulletin remains the same as when it started. First and foremost, we desire to be transparent and accountable to our communities and stakeholders. Secondly, we need to learn from the mistakes of others.

As always, if there is anything the POST can assist you with, please don't hesitate to contact us.

CASE SUMMARIES

Certification Actions taken between January 2024 – July 2, 2024

An officer was given a random UA and tested positive for marijuana metabolites. The officer stated that he did not intentionally ingest THC but may have unintentionally ingested it during a vacation that occurred more than a month prior to the UA. His explanation was inconsistent with what forensic scientists said was biologically possible.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Unprofessional Conduct of using any controlled substance that is unlawful to possess, and intentionally using a false statement in any official document of communication.

A civilian employee confided to a coworker that she had sexual relations with several officers that were employed by the same agency. A professional standards investigation was conducted. An officer admitted to engaging in sex with the employee in a public parking lot while he was in uniform.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Criminal Conduct of lewd and lascivious behavior.

An officer was given a random UA and the sample tested positive for cocaine.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Unprofessional Conduct of using any controlled substance that is unlawful to possess.

An officer frequented a local convenience store and made sexual comments to female staff at the store. He also grabbed or pinched one of the employees as she walked by him. The incident was captured on store video.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Criminal Conduct of battery.

An officer did not submit to a necessary Commission interview regarding his certification, and therefore failed to cooperate with a Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

An officer submitted to a polygraph examination during the application process for employment with another agency. During the examination, the officer disclosed that he had taken a one-hundred-dollar bill from the ground of a single-vehicle crash. Based on this information, a Commission investigation was opened, and an interview was necessary. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, the Criminal Conduct of theft, and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

Two separate officers failed to satisfy their annual in-service training obligation were granted an extension. Both officers failed to meet the deadline given.

The officers each received a Reprimand for failing to comply with the annual in-service training requirement.

A stalking victim reported that her ex-husband threatened to kill her. After responding to the call, an officer called her repeatedly, texted her, and sent her messages through Instagram and Snapchat. The officer gave the victim confidential dispatch information that was not related to her case. Just 5 days after meeting the victim on the call, the officer called her 6 times in 41 minutes. The victim initially thought the officer was taking an interest in her safety, but later realized he was trying to "get with her".

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, the Unprofessional Conduct of willfully disclosing information designated as confidential and exploiting or misusing the position as an officer to establish or attempt to establish a relationship.

An officer responded to a call where the victim disclosed that her ex had physically and sexually abused her. The officer filed an affidavit and the victim's ex was criminally charged. While the case was still pending, the officer began texting the victim and began a social and physical relationship with her. The relationship was revealed during cross-examination of the victim during the prelim in the criminal case. He did not appear for his Commission interview and therefore did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violations of Good Moral Character, the Unprofessional Conduct of exploiting or misusing the position as an officer to establish or attempt to establish a relationship, and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

An officer was engaged in an affair with a civilian employee. When questioned about their relationship, the officer admitted to the sexual relationship but denied any physical contact while he was on duty or in uniform. Once confronted with inconsistencies between his account and the account of the civilian employee, the officer admitted that he had lied.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Unprofessional Conduct of intentionally using a false statement in any official document of communication.

An officer arrived at a jail to transport an inmate. Due to the inmate's behavior, the inmate was in a restraint chair. The inmate, who had disclosed that he had Hepatitis C, thrashed about, and attempted to headbutt and bite another officer. Each of these attempts prompted this officer to threaten the inmate should he try that with him. The inmate then spit in the officer's face. The officer had a "knee-jerk" reaction and punched the restrained inmate in the face and head area before jail staff intervened.

The officer's certification was censured for the Unprofessional Conduct of using excessive physical force in carrying out a law enforcement objective, and the criminal conduct of mistreatment of a confined person.

An officer was involved in several off-duty incidents which prompted an investigation into his conduct. During the agency and Commission investigations, he gave conflicting and dishonest statements about advice he had given his neighbor while helping her to conceal her vehicle to avoid repossession.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, the Unprofessional Conduct of intentionally using a false statement in any official document of communication and making a False Statement in the Commission Investigation.

An officer gave rum to his sixteen-year-old daughter and possibly offered it to his daughter's friend. The officer was criminally charged and ultimately convicted of furnishing alcohol to a minor. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for the Criminal Conduct of furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

During interviews, multiple juveniles confirmed that an officer had repeatedly provided alcohol to minors over a several month period. During the Commission interview, the officer was initially dishonest and evasive. He eventually admitted to purchasing alcohol for individuals who were under twenty-one years old.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, the Criminal Conduct of furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor, and making a False Statement in the Commission Investigation.

An officer was in the process of obtaining a divorce. His wife filed for multiple protection from abuse orders and made allegations that he had physically abused her and their young children. During the investigation of these allegations, a polygraph was administered. One of the polygraph charts was inconclusive so a retest was scheduled. The officer declined to submit to further polygraph testing. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

An officer left his ten-month-old son home alone. The officer was charged with misdemeanor child endangerment and entered into a diversion agreement stipulating that he committed conduct that constituted misdemeanor child endangerment.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character and the Criminal Conduct of endangering a child.

An officer argued with his wife about the contents of his phone. They physically wrestled over the phone. His wife eventually had possession of the phone and as she looked through it, she fell on the bed, the officer then jumped on top of her trying to get the phone. His wife threw the phone so that he would get off her.

The officer's certification was revoked for violations of Good Moral Character, and for the Criminal Conduct of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

An officer was convicted of aggravated assault. In a separate incident, the officer was criminally charged and found guilty of 2nd degree domestic assault (Missouri). The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, Felony Conviction, Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation, and Criminal Conduct of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

An officer was convicted of the following felonies: criminal sodomy, three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, and furnishing alcohol to a minor for illicit purposes.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, Felony Conviction.

An officer was criminally charged with introducing nicotine pouches into a correctional institution without the consent of the administrator. He entered into a plea agreement to one count of attempted trafficking contraband in a correctional institution, a felony.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, Felony Conviction.

While cleaning out his recently deceased father-in-law's home, an officer found prescription hydrocodone. He took a pill for back pain and kept the bottle for later use. The officer was criminally charged and entered a diversion for a felony drug crime.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, Felony Conviction, and the Unprofessional Conduct of using a controlled substance that is unlawful to possess.

Witnesses reported that an officer was intoxicated at a graduation party and was asked to leave after making several guests uncomfortable. He then pulled out a gun, racked the slide, and held the gun to his chest. The officer fled when law enforcement arrived. He was located and arrested. The officer was criminally charged and ultimately convicted of five counts of assault and one count of possession of a firearm under the influence.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Criminal Conduct of assault.

During an inventory of an agency's firearms, it was discovered that an officer's patrol rifle had been missing for quite some time. A criminal investigation was initiated and revealed that the missing rifle and other firearms were pawned. The officer admitted that he pawned the firearms because he was struggling financially. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, the Criminal Conduct of criminal deprivation of property, and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

A School Resource Officer was investigated for sending inappropriate social media content to a juvenile female student. The officer was charged and convicted of one count of promoting obscenity.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Criminal Conduct of promoting obscenity.

An officer was involved in a disturbance while off duty. The incident was criminally investigated but not prosecuted. A Commission investigation was initiated, and the officer did not appear for his interview. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

The Commission received a complaint containing video of an officer responding to a call. The officer exhibited odd behavior and the subject of the call can be heard indicating that the officer was "high". An unrelated criminal investigation was also conducted regarding this officer, but no charges were filed. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

An officer was scheduled to work third shift but had been drinking earlier in the day. She overslept for her shift and missed several calls about not reporting for work. Once she was reached, she stated that she would report for work, and she checked into service. She continued to feel the effects of the alcohol she had been drinking earlier in the day, retrieved a PBT from her patrol vehicle, and administered it to herself. She was above the legal limit to operate a vehicle. She contacted a sergeant and stated that she had a migraine. The sergeant went to the officer's house and could smell an odor of consumed alcohol and asked her if she had taken a PBT earlier. She said she had not. The sergeant administered a PBT test to the officer. The sergeant was able to locate the PBT test that the officer administered to herself and document the reading. During the internal investigation, the officer admitted to being dishonest with the sergeant regarding the self-administered PBT test.

The officer received a Reprimand for the Unprofessional Conduct of intentionally using a false or deceptive statement in any official document or official communication.

An officer initiated a "check the building" call to avoid backing her sergeant on a DUI car stop. The officer was sitting outside the jail at the time and not near the building she stated she was checking. In an internal investigation, the officer denied knowledge of deputies generating calls in CAD that did not occur. She also stated that she had no knowledge of deputies inaccurately reporting data related to their work production. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, the Unprofessional Conduct of intentionally using a false or deceptive statement in any official document or official communication, and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

An officer was involved in an altercation with his wife. His wife retreated to a bedroom and held the door closed with her back against the closet wall. The officer pushed the door, causing her to break the sheetrock with her back. The officer also

damaged a bathroom door by punching a hole in it. The officer was criminally charged and ultimately convicted of two counts of criminal damage to property.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Criminal Conduct of criminal damage to property.

An officer was assigned to investigate a sexual battery case. The handling of the criminal sexual battery investigation prompted her agency to open an internal investigation regarding her actions and communications regarding the case, including whether she violated the agency's honesty and truthfulness policy. A Commission investigation was initiated to determine the officer's suitability for law enforcement certification. The officer did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation.

An officer was involved in a vehicle collision while off duty and in his personal vehicle. Neither driver observed any damage, so they exchanged information and did not file a police report. Later the officer noticed that the turn signal in his mirror was not working. He contacted the other driver and asked for \$20.00 to fix the light. The communication made the other driver feel uncomfortable and was reported to the officer's agency. The agency discovered that the officer logged into CJIS to run the other driver's license plate. When questioned about doing so, he admitted that he did so for personal reasons. The officer's use of the CJIS network for personal use was in violation of the terms of his use of the system.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Criminal Conduct of unlawful acts concerning computers.

An officer was engaged in a sexual relationship with a subordinate officer's wife. The officer accessed the department GPS to determine his subordinate officer's location and relayed that information to the officer's wife.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and the Unprofessional Conduct of exploiting or misusing the position as an officer to obtain an opportunity or benefit that would not be available but for that position.

During a criminal investigation into an officer, his employing agency discovered that he had previously admitted to having vaginal intercourse with a 14-year-old female when he was 20. The officer made false statements on his employment application on questions that would have pertained to this incident.

The officer's certification was revoked for violation of Good Moral Character, and Criminal Conduct of making false information.
