



BEFORE THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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In the Matter of)
)
JAMES SHEPHERD)
 #27629)
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Case No. 2023-0012

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 JAMES SHEPHERD (Respondent).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (Commission) granted full-time law enforcement certification to Respondent, certification number 27629.
2. Respondent has been employed as a full-time law enforcement officer with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department (KCKPD) since January 4, 2018.
3. The Commission received a complaint regarding Respondent. The complaint contained a video in which Respondent was on-duty and responded to an apartment complex. Respondent was exhibiting odd behavior, and the subject of the law enforcement contact can be heard on the video indicating that Respondent was "high." An investigation by the KCKPD revealed that Respondent's conduct on the call was related to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which has since been resolved. An unrelated criminal investigation

was also conducted regarding Respondent. Criminal charges were declined due to insufficient evidence.

4. Based on the information in paragraph three, an in-person Commission interview with Respondent was necessary to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification. The interview was particularly necessary to determine if Respondent used any prescription-only drug that impaired his skill or judgment in the performance of his duties as an officer. Commission Investigator George Brown contacted Respondent, and the two agreed upon an interview date and time. Respondent subsequently rescheduled the interview. Prior to the rescheduled interview, Respondent's attorney notified Investigator Brown that Respondent would not attend any Commission interviews. Respondent did not appear for his scheduled interview. Respondent did not cooperate with the Commission investigation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Failure to Cooperate in Commission Investigation

5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5616(b)(3), the Commission may revoke the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who provides false information or otherwise fails to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine a person's continued suitability for law enforcement certification.
6. Respondent failed to submit to a necessary Commission interview and therefore failed to cooperate in a Commission investigation to determine his continued suitability for law enforcement certification.

Summary Proceedings

7. 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

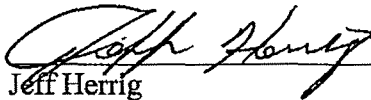
Based on the above Statement of Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that the Kansas Law Enforcement Officer Certification of JAMES SHEPHERD be revoked.

ACCORDINGLY, THE KANSAS COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE OF JAMES SHEPHERD 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 9 day of May, 2024.

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 9th day of May, 2024, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Order of Revocation was deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, with tracking, addressed to:

JAMES SHEPHERD



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