**AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**Title: POST2402838 - ELLIOTT LOPEZ (POST ID: C15-H32) LAST EMPLOYING AGENCY: CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**

**REPORT PROFILE**

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| **MEETING DATE**<br>03/05/2026 | **BUREAU SUBMITTING THE REPORT**<br>Professional Conduct Northern Bureau | |
| **RESEARCHED BY**<br>Raymond Bechler | **REVIEWED BY**<br>Robert Guyton | |
| **REPORT DATE** | **APPROVED BY**<br>Manuel Alvarez, Jr. | **DATE APPROVED**<br>02/18/2026 |
| **PURPOSE** | **FINANCIAL IMPACT**<br>No | |

**ISSUE, BACKGROUND, ANALYSIS, & RECOMMENDATION**

**ISSUE:**

The matter is before the Commission for review and action regarding the subject peace officer's certification status. The Commission shall return any determination requiring action to be taken against an individual's certification to the division, which shall initiate proceedings for a formal hearing before an administrative law judge in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), which shall be subject to judicial review as set forth in that Act.

**BACKGROUND:**

Respondent began his employment with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) on June 18, 2004, as a full-time Officer. At the time of the events at issue, Respondent was employed as an Officer with CHP. The Respondent is not currently employed as a peace officer in the state of California.

At the time of this incident, the Respondent held a peace officer position as defined under California Penal Code 830.2(a) and is required to be certified pursuant to California Penal Code 13510.1(a).

On March 24, 2024, Respondent was visiting Las Vegas, Nevada for a non-work related event with Victim. Victim and Respondent had been in a relationship for over 10 years. After a night of drinking, Respondent and Victim returned to their hotel room. At approximately 4:15 a.m. Respondent physically assaulted Victim by punching her numerous times in the face, head, arms and torso. Officers from the Las Vegas Metro

Police Department arrested Respondent.

As a result of Respondent's attack, Victim sustained two swollen and blackened eyes, swollen forehead, bruises to her legs, arms, and shoulders, and complained of pain to her jaw and head. She was taken to a local hospital for her injuries and later released.

The Clark County District Attorney's Office prosecuted Respondent for Nevada Revised Statutes 33.018 and 200.485 and (domestic violence). Respondent pled nolo contendere to the charge of misdemeanor domestic violence on July 9, 2024, and was ordered to complete agreed upon terms of diversion. On December 17, 2024, Respondent met the requirements of diversion, and the charge was subsequently dismissed.

Respondent resigned from the CHP on April 15, 2024, prior to being interviewed by Internal Affairs.

**ANALYSIS:**

Clear and convincing evidence substantiated that Respondent violated California Penal Code §13510.8(b)(6) and Commission Regulation 1205(a)(6) regarding acts that violate the law; in that Respondent engaged in domestic violence when Respondent physically assaulted the Victim, whom he was in a relationship with, while on a trip in Las Vegas that caused severe injuries to her face, head, arms, and torso. Respondent's actions are sufficiently egregious as to be inconsistent with the Respondent's obligation to uphold the law or respect the rights of members of the public.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Commission shall review recommendations made by the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board (POSAAB) regarding, what action if any, should be taken, suspension or revocation, on the certification of the subject peace officer. The Commission's decision to adopt a recommendation by POSAAB to seek revocation shall require a two-thirds vote of Commissioners present and shall be based on whether the record, in its entirety, supports POSAAB's conclusion that serious misconduct has been established by clear and convincing evidence. In any case in which the Commission reaches a different determination than POSAAB's recommendation, it shall set forth its analysis and reasons for reaching a different determination in writing.

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