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STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

POST makes the following information available to the public pursuant to California Penal Code §13510.85(c) which establishes that POST shall publish the names of any peace officer whose certification has been suspended or revoked and the basis for the suspension or revocation.

CASE NO.: POST2302317

SUBJECT OFFICER: Nathaniel A. Ziobro **POST ID:** C55-Y00

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Riverside County Sheriff's Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: CPC §13510.8(b)(1) / 11 CCR §1205(a)(1) – Dishonesty

CASE SUMMARY:

In February 2023, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) submitted a serious misconduct complaint to POST against RCSD Deputy Nathaniel A. Ziobro, hereafter "Respondent", alleging that Respondent provided false information and statements, withheld information, and failed to book evidence relating to a criminal investigation. Following POST's investigation and review, POST found, by clear and convincing evidence, that reasonable grounds existed for consideration of revocation pursuant to Penal Code 13510.8. A summary of the investigative findings of the Division are as follows:

On February 21, 2021, the Respondent was dispatched to a residence regarding a 16-year-old juvenile who had overdosed on Fentanyl. The Respondent failed to document the overdose and entered false information to close the incident as a medical aid call. Several hours later, the Respondent was dispatched to the same residence after the juvenile's stepfather overdosed and died as a result of Fentanyl use. An internal investigation was initiated and concluded the Respondent falsified his report of the incidents, provided false information to supervisors and allied agency personnel, and was dishonest during his interview and interrogation. On December 15, 2021, the Respondent was terminated from his position with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

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ANALYSIS/FINDINGS:

1. The Respondent's misconduct violated CPC §13510.8(b)(1) and Title 11 CCR §1205(a)(1) – Dishonesty.

CPC §13510.8(b)(1) and 11 CCR §1205(a)(1) defines dishonesty as "*relating to the reporting, investigation, or prosecution of a crime, or relating to the reporting of, or investigation of misconduct by, a peace officer or custodial officer, including, but not limited to, false statements, intentionally filing false reports, tampering with, falsifying, destroying, or concealing evidence, perjury, and tampering with data recorded by a body-worn camera or other recording device for purposes of concealing misconduct.*"

In an initial effort to avoid documentation of the juvenile overdose, the Respondent chose to ignore and understate information he obtained that Fentanyl was the cause of the overdose. This included drug paraphernalia found in the juvenile's room, statements by the juvenile's parents of his prior Fentanyl use, and the juvenile's admission. With the subsequent death of the juvenile's stepfather due to an overdose of Fentanyl, the Respondent provided dishonest statements to supervisors and on-scene personnel and was dishonest in his written reports in an attempt to cover-up his initial misconduct.

OUTCOME/IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

The Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division determined that reasonable grounds existed to seek revocation of the Respondent's certifications in this case. A notice of intent to revoke was served on May 10, 2024. The Respondent did not file a request for review within the 30-day response period, pursuant to CPC §13510.85(a)(2), thus resulting in default revocation of the Respondent's certification with no further proceedings. On June 20, 2024, the default order was issued and served on the Respondent. The Respondent Nathaniel A. Ziobro's (POST2302317) (POST ID: C55-Y00) peace officer certification was revoked on June 20, 2024.