Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
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STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

POST makes the following information available to the public pursuant to 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.: POST2305116

SUBJECT OFFICER: Omar Alonso **POST ID:** C52-P22

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Torrance Police Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: 13510.8. (b)(5)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(5) – Demonstration of Bias

CASE SUMMARY:

On January 27, 2020, two Torrance Police Officers were the subject of a criminal investigation wherein it was alleged they had vandalized an arrestee's vehicle by, among other means, spray painting a swastika and a smiley face in the interior of the arrestee's vehicle during an inventory/search. As a result of the criminal investigation into the above, the two involved officers had their personally-owned cellular telephones searched under a criminal search warrant. During the review of the data from those cellular telephones analysts discovered around 390 messages that were believed to contain or reference antisemitic, homophobic, racist, or transphobic remarks. Those messages were sent between the officers involved in the criminal investigation, but also between those officers, other officers, and the respondent. The Torrance Police Department conducted an administrative investigation, which subsequently sustained allegations of misconduct against Respondent for violations of the agency's anti-harassment policies and general orders. Respondent sent several texts in which he referred to members of the Torrance community with racist and dehumanizing language. The Respondent was terminated from the Torrance Police Department on October 5, 2022. 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. The findings in the POST Investigative Summary and Findings report are as follows:

ANALYSIS/FINDINGS:

1. **The alleged misconduct violated Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(5) and Title 11, California Code of Regulations Section 1205 (a)(5) – Demonstrating Bias**

Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(5) as clarified by Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(5) defines as serious misconduct Demonstrating boas on the basis of actual or perceived race, national origin, religion, gender identity or expression, housing status, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, or other protected status in violation of law or department policy or inconsistent with a peace officer's obligation to carry out their duties in a fair and unbiased manner. This paragraph does not limit an employee's rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

(A) An officer is "demonstrating" bias for purposes of this Regulation when the officer either shows or displays, by words, actions or other conduct, prejudice, intolerance, contempt, or hatred towards one or more persons due to that person's membership within a class of persons identified in Penal Code section 13510.8(b)(5), when such words, actions or other conduct would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the officer has not fairly and impartially performed, or will not fairly and impartially perform, their law enforcement duties.

Based on the evidence that Respondent sent discriminatory texts in violation of Torrance Police Department policies, and because a reasonable person would conclude that Respondent has not or will not perform his duties fairly and impartially as a result, the Division finds there is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent engaged in serious misconduct, to wit, demonstrating bias in violation of Penal Code section 13510.8(b)(5) and Commission Regulation 1205(a)(5).

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 sent to Respondent on May 9, 2025. Respondent did not file a request for review within the 30-day response period, pursuant to Penal Code section 13510.85 (a)(2), thus resulting in default revocation of Respondent's certification with no further proceedings. On June 13, 2025, the default order was issued and sent to Respondent.

Respondent Omar Alonso's (POST2305116) (POST ID: C52-P22) peace officer certification was revoked on June 13, 2025.