AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Title: POST2302397 - ARMANDO AVENA (POST ID: C63-K48)
LAST EMPLOYING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT PROFILE

MEETING DATE 04/15/2026	**BUREAU SUBMITTING THE REPORT** Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division	
RESEARCHED BY David Sieber	**REVIEWED BY** Christine Ford	
REPORT DATE 04/15/2026	**APPROVED BY** Annemarie Del Mugnaio	**DATE APPROVED**
PURPOSE	**FINANCIAL IMPACT** No	

ISSUE, BACKGROUND, ANALYSIS, & RECOMMENDATION

ISSUE:

The matter is before the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board (POSAAB) for review and recommendation regarding the Respondent's peace officer certification status.

BACKGROUND:

Respondent was employed by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) beginning on February 21, 2017. At the time of the incident, Respondent held the position of police officer, a peace officer classification as defined under California Penal Code 830.1(a), which requires certification pursuant to California Penal Code 13510.1(a).

On February 12, 2022, while off-duty, Respondent and the Victim went out for drinks. As the night progressed into the early morning hours of February 13, 2022, the two became involved in a verbal argument after Respondent observed the Victim speaking with another man. The couple agreed to leave the location together. Despite having consumed alcohol throughout the evening, Respondent drove himself and Victim to their shared residence.

Upon arrival, Respondent accessed Victim’s cellular phone,

and the verbal dispute escalated over allegations of infidelity. Respondent then physically assaulted the Victim by pulling her hair, dragging her into a bathroom and forcing her into a bathtub while showering her with cold water. Respondent punched the Victim in her face, scratched, slapped and choked her with both hands, causing a concussion, visible bruising to her face, chipped front teeth, a split lip, a sore neck and back, and scratches to her arms.

When Respondent and Victim awoke, the Victim asked Respondent to drive her to her family member's residence, which he ultimately did. Upon observing Victim's injuries, Victim's family member notified the Baldwin Park Police Department (BPPD) and the Victim was transported to Kaiser Permanente's Baldwin Park Medical Center, where she received treatment for her injuries. BPPD investigators obtained an Emergency Protective Order (EPO) on behalf of the Victim and arrested Respondent for a violation of California Penal Code § 273.5(a) - Domestic Violence.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office subsequently filed one misdemeanor count of California Penal Code § 273.5(a) - Domestic Violence. Concurrently, LAPD initiated a Personnel Complaint Investigation, which resulted in seven sustained allegations of misconduct and a recommendation that Respondent be terminated, with the matter referred to a Board of Rights.

On April 12, 2023, Respondent entered a plea of no contest to one misdemeanor count of domestic battery in violation of California Penal Code § 243(e)(1). He was placed on three years of probation and subject to a Criminal Protective Order in favor of Victim, effective through April 12, 2028. On April 30, 2023, prior to the Board of Rights hearing, Respondent resigned from LAPD.

ANALYSIS:

Clear and convincing evidence demonstrates that Respondent engaged in acts of serious misconduct pursuant to California Penal Code § 13510.8(b)(6) and Commission Regulation 1205(a)(6), specifically acts that violate the law that are sufficiently egregious or repeated as to be inconsistent with a peace officer's obligation to uphold the law or respect the rights of members of the public.

This misconduct is evidenced by Respondent's actions on February 13, 2022, when he committed a domestic violence offense against the victim, who he was in qualifying relationship with. Respondent's actions caused Victim to suffer significant physical injuries. These injuries included a concussion, subconjunctival hemorrhage, chipped teeth, a split lip, broken nails and bruising to her face, neck, and back.

Respondent's conduct was unlawful, violent and demonstrated a disregard for public safety. Such behavior is fundamentally incompatible with the duties and responsibilities of a peace officer. Accordingly, the Division finds that Respondent's egregious and unlawful conduct constitutes serious misconduct, warranting revocation or suspension of his POST peace officer certification.

RECOMMENDATION: The Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board (POSAAB) shall review the findings of investigations presented by the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division (POSAD) and make a recommendation regarding what action should be taken, suspension or revocation, on the certification of the subject peace officer.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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BR02_POST2302397_Avena Armando_Executive Review and Division Recommendation.pdf
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