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.: POST2303695

SUBJECT OFFICER: Michael Monteon **POST ID:** C49-Y26

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Riverside Sheriff's Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: 13510.8. (b)(3)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(3) – Physical Abuse, 13510.8.(b)(1)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(1) – Dishonesty, & 13510.8. (b)(2)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(2) – Abuse of Power

CASE SUMMARY:

On March 15, 2022, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department received an inmate grievance report alleging staff misconduct from the Complainant hereinafter, "Victim." The Victim alleged on March 7, 2022, Correctional Deputy Michael Monteon, hereinafter, "Respondent" physically assaulted him with an open hand strike and two knee strikes while he was forcibly removed from a housing unit for being a disruptive inmate. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department conducted an administrative investigation, which subsequently sustained allegations of misconduct against Respondent for Excessive Force, Neglect of Duty, Dishonesty and Conduct Unbecoming of a Correctional Deputy. Riverside County Sheriff's Department terminated the respondant on March 16, 2023. 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)(3) and Title 11, California Code of Regulations Section 1205 (a)(3) – Physical Abuse**

Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(3) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(3) defines as serious misconduct "Physical Abuse including, but not limited to, the excessive or unreasonable use of force."

In response to the Victim's non-compliant behavior in the facility housing unit, Respondent used unreasonable and unnecessary force.

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

Penal Code Section 13510.8(b)(1) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(1) defines as serious misconduct: "Dishonesty 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."

Respondent was dishonest on two occasions when he failed to provide true and accurate information to his immediate supervisor after an incident involving use of force. In addition, Respondent was dishonest during his administrative interview when Respondent's statements of the use of force incident contradicted the statements from the witnessing deputies, inmate witnesses, and the Victim.

3. **The alleged misconduct violated Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(2) and Title 11, California Code of Regulations Section 1205 (a)(2) – Abuse of Power**

Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(2) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(2) defines as serious misconduct "Abuse of Power, including but not limited to, intimidating witnesses, knowingly obtaining a false confession, and knowingly making a false arrest."

Respondent abused his power as a peace officer when he used his status as a senior deputy with nine years of experience, and his position as a training officer, to intimidate or attempt to intimidate witnesses to refrain from reporting the use of force. Respondent further attempted to intimidate or tamper with a witness by requesting a deputy to change their testimony in an administrative interview.

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 June 6, 2024. 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 July 23, 2024, the default order was issued and served on Respondent. Respondent Michael Monteon's (POST2303695) (POST ID: C49-Y26) peace officer certification was revoked on July 23, 2024.