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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.: POST2311367

SUBJECT OFFICER: Evan R. Dahl **POST ID:** C88-O55

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Torrance Police Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: 13510.8. (b)(6)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(6) – Acts That Violate the Law

CASE SUMMARY:

In June 2023, the Torrance Police Department (TPD) submitted a serious misconduct complaint to POST against TPD Officer Evan Robert Dahl, hereafter "Respondent", alleging that Respondent had committed acts that violate the law, where he was investigated and arrested for possession and distribution of child pornography. 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:

After investigating a CyberTip received on April 28, 2022, TPD determined that Respondent may have been involved in uploading and distributing child pornography via the internet. The LAPD Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force was asked to conduct the investigation to avoid any conflict of interest. At the conclusion of an investigation by LAPD, Respondent was terminated from his employment with Torrance PD and was arrested by LAPD on May 6, 2022. Respondent declined to provide a statement during the investigation.

ANALYSIS/FINDINGS:

1. **The alleged misconduct violated Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(6) and Title 11, California Code of Regulations Section 1205 (a)(6) – Acts That Violate the Law**

Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(6) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(6) defines as serious misconduct "Acts that violate the law and are sufficiently egregious or repeated as to

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be inconsistent with a peace officer's obligation to uphold the law or respect the rights of members of the public, as determined by the commission."

Through the course of their investigation, the LAPD determined pornographic images and video depicting sexual acts involving victims who appeared to be 10 – 12 years of age had been downloaded to an internet account owned, accessed, and used by the Respondent, and then shared to a second account. The first account was connected to the Respondent through his personal email address and cellphone number. The images were downloaded through an IP address located at the Respondent's home address.

The Respondent was terminated from his position with TPD, and immediately arrested by LAPD. The LA District Attorney's Office filed two felony counts of Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography against the Respondent. The Respondent pled "No Contest" to one misdemeanor count of Possession of Child Pornography. As a result, among other penalties, Respondent is mandated to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

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 January 17, 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 March 12, 2024, the default order was issued and served on Respondent. Respondent Evan R. Dahl's (POST2311367) (POST ID: C88-O55) peace officer certification was revoked on March 12, 2024.