Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division
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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.: POST2312177

SUBJECT OFFICER: Garrett P. Hodges **POST ID:** C78-H04

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

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

CASE SUMMARY:

On June 22, 2023, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department submitted a report of potential serious misconduct to POST against Deputy Garrett Hodges, hereinafter "Respondent," alleging that Respondent engaged in acts that violate the law while employed as a peace officer. Following POST's investigation and review, POST found, by clear and convincing evidence, that reasonable grounds existed for consideration of revocation pursuant to PC 13510.8. A summary of the investigative findings of the Division are as follows:

On June 21, 2023, Respondent was arrested for a violation of California Penal Code section 245(a)(2), felony assault with a firearm, when he pointed a firearm at an individual ("the Victim") at the Victim's residence in Lancaster, California during a domestic dispute. On September 15, 2023, Respondent pled Nolo Contendre to one misdemeanor count of Assault with a Firearm (245(a)(2) PC). As part of his plea, Respondent was ordered to complete a fifty-two-week domestic violence treatment program. Upon successful completion of the program and compliance with all orders issued by the court, the conditions stated that he may withdraw his plea, and the case would be dismissed. On September 16, 2024, in Los Angeles County Superior Court, the court found Respondent met the conditions of the plea agreement and his case was dismissed in accordance with California Penal Code section 1385.

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) define as serious misconduct "Acts that violate the law and 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, as determined by the commission."

Based on the facts in this matter, and Respondent's own admission, there is clear and convincing evidence to establish that Respondent committed serious misconduct on June 21, 2023, acts that violate the law, when he violated California Penal Code section 245(a)(2), assault with a firearm against the Victim during a domestic dispute. Aggravating factors include Respondent's failure to deescalate the situation. As Respondent admitted, he was hit by the Victim, but not hard enough to be bruised. Respondent also admitted he was not in fear of his life when he decided to threaten or display a use of deadly force when he brandished a firearm. Respondent, as a peace officer, received training regarding when and how to use force that he failed to follow. Respondent's conduct violated the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Policies and Procedures pertaining to General Behavior, Obedience to the Laws, Regulations, and Orders and Family Violence.

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 certification in this case. A notice of intent to revoke was served on May 14, 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 20, 2025, the default order was issued and served on Respondent. Respondent Garrett P. Hodges' (POST2312177) (POST ID: C78-H04) peace officer certification was revoked on June 20, 2025.