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.: POST2407882

SUBJECT OFFICER: Anthony Archuleta POST ID: B96-I73

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: PC § 13510.8(b)(5)/ CCR 1205(a)(5) – Demonstrating Bias, 13510.8(b)(6)/ CCR 1205(a)(6) – Acts That Violate the Law

CASE SUMMARY:

In September 2024, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) submitted a report of potential serious misconduct to POST against former Deputy Anthony Archuleta, hereinafter "Respondent," alleging that Respondent demonstrated bias and engaged in acts that violate the law. Following POST's investigation and review, POST found, by clear and convincing evidence, that reasonable grounds existed for consideration of revocation of the certification of Respondent pursuant to Penal Code §13510.8. The following is a summary of POST's investigative findings:

In January 2024, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Bureau received a complaint claiming, among other things, that Respondent used racially derogatory words and improperly shared confidential criminal justice information outside of work. After conducting an internal affairs investigation, SCSO sustained multiple internal policy violations against Respondent on grounds including Discriminatory Harassment, Information Technology Use, and Use of Department Computers/Network.

After a thorough review of the Internal Affairs investigation and supporting documents, the Peace Officer Standards and Accountability Division (the Division) focused its investigation on the Respondents misconduct related to demonstrating bias and unlawful use/sharing of confidential criminal justice information. The Respondent was terminated on September 18, 2024. He initially scheduled an arbitration hearing which was set for March 19, 2025, but later decided to forgo the hearing.

ANALYSIS/FINDINGS:

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

   Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(5) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(5) defines as serious misconduct: "Demonstrating bias 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 officers obligation to carry out their duties in a fair and unbiased manner."

   The Division's investigation found that Respondent sent (15) text messages from his cell phone that were racially derogatory and offensive. It was found to be highly probable that a reasonable person, after reviewing these text conversations, would conclude that Respondent will not fairly and impartially perform his law enforcement duties when interacting with certain protected classes of people.

   Accordingly, the Division determined that Respondent demonstrated bias within the meaning of Penal Code section 13510.8(b)(5) and Regulation 1205(a)(5) when he sent these messages.

2. **The alleged misconduct violated Penal Code § 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 be inconsistent with a peace officer's obligation to uphold the law or respect the rights of members of the public."

   The Division determined that Respondent violated California Penal Code section 502(c)(2) on at least (5) occasions when he accessed and searched law enforcement criminal justice databases for personal reasons. Moreover, he provided confidential and sensitive information and shared it with a personal friend who was not authorized to receive such information.

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 POST certification in this case. A notice of intent to revoke was served on May 8, 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 served on Respondent. Respondent Anthony Archuleta's (POST2407882) (POST ID: B96-I73) peace officer certification was revoked on June 13, 2025.