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 §13510.8(c) which establishes that POST shall publish the names of any peace officer whose certification has been suspended and revoked and the basis for the suspension or the revocation.

CASE NO.: POST2321405

SUBJECT OFFICER: Dominic G. Smith

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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

CASE SUMMARY:

On November 12, 2023, Respondent was arrested off duty for driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol in violation of California Vehicle Code (VC) section 23152 (b). Respondent was previously arrested for DUI on March 3, 2019, a case for which he received a misdemeanor conviction for the violation of VC section 23152 (b). Following POST's investigation and review, POST found by clear and convincing evidence that reasonable grounds existed for consideration of revocation or suspension pursuant to Penal Code section 13510.8. The findings in POST Investigative Summary and Findings report are as follows:

On November 12, 2023, Respondent was employed as a Deputy Generalist with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). This position is classified as a peace officer under California Penal Code (PC) Section 830.1 (a). Respondent violated the law when he drove his personal vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on November 12, 2023, with his departmental issued firearm, and was subsequently arrested in violation of VC section 23152 (b). Respondent's blood alcohol content was measured at .201% and .202%. Respondent was convicted on May 1, 2024 of the misdemeanor violation of VC section 23152 (b). Respondent was previously arrested and convicted of VC section 23152 (b) on March 3, 2019, and July 30, 2019, respectively.

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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, defined as:**

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.

Respondent repeatedly violated the law when he drove his personal vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Respondent was arrested and convicted for violating VC section 23152(b) on March 3, 2019 and July 30, 2019, respectively. Respondent was then arrested for violating VC section 23152(b) a second time on November 12, 2023. During the second arrest Respondent was in his possession of his departmental issued firearm. Respondent was subsequently convicted on May 1, 2024.

OUTCOME/IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

The Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division determined that reasonable grounds existed to seek revocation or suspension of the Respondent's certification based on its determination by clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent engaged in serious misconduct as defined by California law (Penal Code section 13510.8(b)(6); California Code of Regulations, title 11, Article 4, section 1205(a)(6). The Division issued a notice of intent to revoke on November 5, 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. Respondent Dominic Smith's (POST2321405) (POST ID: C34-F67) peace officer certifications were revoked on December 11, 2025. On December 12, 2025, the default order was issued and served on Respondent.