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EXECUTIVE REVIEW & PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

DATE: 07/24/2025

CASE #: POST2402562

PEACE OFFICER: Armando Montalvo

POST ID#: C89-U13

AGENCY: Orange County Sheriff's Department

POST CONSULTANT / BC: Gregory / Ford

ALLEGATION(S):

Physical Abuse - On March 16, 2024, Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Armando Montalvo, hereafter "Respondent", was involved in a use of force incident with an inmate, hereafter "Inmate". During the use of force incident, Respondent visibly punched Inmate approximately twenty-eight (28) times in the face, head, and upper body while three other deputies assisted and threw numerous punches at Inmate. Inmate, at the time of the incident, was not assaultive towards the deputies and was showing passive resistance by not giving up his hands while lying prone on the ground. At one point after delivering the punches, Respondent lifted Inmate's head and slammed his face against the concrete floor while Inmate was pinned down by other deputies. Following the administrative investigation, the Orange County Sheriff's Department sustained a finding that the force used by Respondent was not within policy which resulted in the Respondent receiving a 40-hour suspension.

The Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division, Certification Executive Review Panel has reviewed the above referenced case involving alleged serious misconduct and has determined the following:

☒ There are reasonable grounds for suspension or revocation of a peace officer's certification.

The evidence in the case, Body Warn Camera footage as well as interview statements, supports that Deputy Montalvo used excessive force when responding to what appears to be passive resistence by an Inmate during a routine escort.

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