AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**Title: POST2309558 - BRAULIO ROBLEDO (POST ID: A83-R39) LAST EMPLOYING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT **

REPORT PROFILE

MEETING DATE 03/06/2025	**BUREAU SUBMITTING THE REPORT** Professional Conduct Los Angeles Bureau	
RESEARCHED BY Mark Evenson	**REVIEWED BY** Mike Radford	
REPORT DATE	**APPROVED BY** Manuel Alvarez, Jr.	**DATE APPROVED** 02/18/2025
PURPOSE	**FINANCIAL IMPACT** No	

ISSUE, BACKGROUND, ANALYSIS, & RECOMMENDATION

ISSUE:

The matter is before the Commission for review and action regarding the subject peace officer's certification status. The Commission shall return any determination requiring action to be taken against an individual's certification to the division, which shall initiate proceedings for a formal hearing before an administrative law judge in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), which shall be subject to judicial review as set forth in that Act.

BACKGROUND:

Respondent began his employment with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department on March 11, 2005, as a full-time Deputy Sheriff. At the time of the events at issue, Respondent was employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the LASD. Respondent was terminated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department on August 2, 2024.

This position is a peace officer position defined under California Penal Code §830.1(a) and is required to be certified pursuant to California Penal Code §13510.1(a).

The case before the Board alleges the Respondent committed serious misconduct when he lied to his supervisors about a traffic stop that he conducted in front of the Commerce Casino and later lied to investigators during the Internal Affairs investigation.

The circumstances surrounding the incident occurred when a citizen called the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department East Los Angeles Station and stated he was stopped by an unknown officer in the early morning of January 2, 2020, immediately after leaving the Commerce Casino. During the stop, the citizen alleged that the officer searched his vehicle and stole five (5) poker chips worth $100 each. When asked directly by his supervisors (a Sergeant and Lieutenant) if he made a traffic stop in front of the Commerce Casino, Respondent adamantly stated he did not. It is alleged that Respondent lied to his supervisors on the day in question and lied during his IA interviews.

ANALYSIS:

The Division found that the clear and convincing evidence substantiated that the Respondent's conduct amounted to dishonesty as described in Commission Regulation 1205(a)(1) in that Respondent lied to his supervisors about the traffic stop and subsequently repeatedly lied during his IA interviews. The facts fully support Respondent knew exactly which traffic stop his supervisors were inquiring about and lied to them about his involvement. In addition, Respondent lied several times during his IA interviews when he:

- Stated his supervisors never asked him specifically about the traffic stop he conducted in front of the Commerce Casino.
- Stated he was not aware that the Watch Sergeant was trying to contact him.
- Stated he deleted the MDC messages from the Watch Sergeant without reading them.
- Stated he never responded to any of the Watch Sergeant's MDC messages.
- Stated he received MDC messages about a stop in "Montebello."
- Stated he was told by Deputy Palacios that there was an inquiry being made about a stop that occurred in "Montebello."
- Stated he did not call and speak to Deputy Strelow.
- Stated that no one gave him information that the Watch Sergeant was inquiring about a stop that occurred in front of the Commerce Casino.

There is clear and convincing evidence to support Respondent committed serious misconduct as defined in Commission Regulation 1205(a)(1) – Dishonesty when he lied to his supervisors and provided false and misleading statements during his IA interviews.

On January 16, 2025, following the presentation by the Division and public comments delivered by the subject officer

and his counsel, the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board (Board) found that a factual basis for revocation of the subject officer's certification had been established by clear and convincing evidence and, in light of the Division's investigation in this case, recommended the revocation of the subject officer's certification. The Board incorporated the Division's Investigatory Summary and Findings and adopted the Division's Summary and Findings as the Board's stated reasons for its recommendation as required under Penal Code section 13510.85(a)(4).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission shall review recommendations made by the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board (POSAAB) regarding, what action if any, should be taken, suspension or revocation, on the certification of the subject peace officer. The Commission's decision to adopt a recommendation by POSAAB to seek revocation shall require a two-thirds vote of Commissioners present and shall be based on whether the record, in its entirety, supports POSAAB's conclusion that serious misconduct has been established by clear and convincing evidence. In any case in which the Commission reaches a different determination than POSAAB's recommendation, it shall set forth its analysis and reasons for reaching a different determination in writing.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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