AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Title: POST2318309 - ROBERT SASEK (POST ID:C81-Z88)
LAST EMPLOYING AGENCY: OROVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT PROFILE

MEETING DATE 09/10/2025	**BUREAU SUBMITTING THE REPORT** Professional Conduct Northern Bureau	
RESEARCHED BY Scott Baland	**REVIEWED BY** Rob Guyton	
REPORT DATE	**APPROVED BY** Manuel Alvarez, Jr.	**DATE APPROVED** 08/16/2025
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 Oroville Police Department (OPD) on April 28, 2021, as a full-time Officer. At the time of the events at issue, Respondent was employed as an Officer with OPD. Respondent was terminated from OPD on August 9, 2024, as a result of an administrative investigation by OPD for a separate incident.

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 on September 1, 2022, when he took the Complainant into his care and custody on two separate occasions. After the second time, Respondent decided to transport the Complainant to Chico. While transporting the Complainant to Chico, Respondent purposely and deliberately exited the freeway on Neal Road, traveled for an unknown

distance, pulled over, and removed the Complainant from his patrol vehicle. Respondent abruptly left the scene, leaving the Complainant in a desolate location, with no available services, during the hours of darkness. The Complainant was not wearing shoes, had no money or cell phone, and was experiencing the effects of being under the influence of methamphetamine. During the encounter, Respondent never activated his body-worn camera and never utilized his patrol vehicle's radio or his cell phones to document the circumstances of the incident or the location he left the Complainant. While walking back towards the freeway, the Complainant was allegedly struck by a passing vehicle, sustaining major internal injuries. Respondent later admitted in his interviews to being frustrated with having to provide transportation to the Complainant.

ANALYSIS:

The Division found that the clear and convincing evidence substantiated that the Respondent's conduct during this incident amounted to abuse of power, as described in Commission Regulation 1205(a)(2), in that Respondent had initially arrested the Complainant for trespassing at a Dollar General. The Butte County Jail nursing staff refused to clear the Complainant for booking due to her elevated blood pressure and advised the Complainant required medical treatment prior to booking. Respondent transported the Complainant to Oroville Medical Center, but never took her in for treatment. Instead, Respondent entered the hospital, leaving the Complainant in the patrol vehicle. Respondent returned to the patrol vehicle and cited and released the Complainant, advising her to seek medical treatment, and Respondent left the scene. Respondent was called back to Oroville Medical Center by a security officer, approximately 10 minutes later, because the Complainant was causing a disturbance and was trying to access restricted areas of the hospital.

Respondent returned to Oroville Medical Center and located the Complainant underneath an MRI trailer. Respondent never activated his body-worn camera (BWC) during the incident as he took custody of the Complainant and put her in the rear of his caged patrol vehicle. Respondent's supervisor and another officer were on scene. Instead of seeking the previous medical clearance, it was determined Respondent would transport the Complainant to the Chico area, where she was from. Respondent admitted he was frustrated with having to provide transportation to the Complainant all the way to Chico. At this time, another officer made a comment/joke that Respondent should just drop the Complainant off on Neal Road instead of going to Chico. Respondent stated he did not hear this comment/joke. Prior to the transport, Respondent rebooted his

work cell phone, which deactivated his RIMS. Respondent also never activated his BWC. While transporting the Complainant, Respondent exited the freeway on Neal Road, the same location as suggested by the other officer. Respondent drove down Neal Road, pulled over, and had the Complainant exit the patrol vehicle. Respondent left the scene, leaving the Complainant alone, during the hours of darkness, with no shoes, no cell phone, and no available services. Additionally, the Complainant was experiencing medical issues related to her elevated blood pressure and was still experiencing the effects of being under the influence of methamphetamine. At the time Respondent left the Complainant on Neal Road, he never broadcasted any information over the radio or via cell phone regarding the circumstances, the location where he left the Complainant, or his ending mileage. Additionally, Respondent never documented the incident at Oroville Medical Center, the transport, or leaving the Complainant on Neal Road in his arrest report from the Dollar General. Respondent had a duty to care for the Complainant and to leave her in a place of safety. Following Respondent's actions, the Complainant suffered severe injuries requiring extensive medical treatment and surgeries.

There is clear and convincing evidence to support Respondent committed serious misconduct as defined in Commission Regulation 1205(a)(2) - Abuse of Power when he utilized his peace office status to take care and custody of the Complainant and then abused that power when he neglected his duty and purposely transported and left the Complainant in a desolate, unsafe location, because of his frustration from having to deal with the Complainant on multiple occasions. These acts by the Respondent were significantly egregious due to the deliberate steps taken to ensure his actions were not recorded or documented, his premeditation to take the Complainant to Neal Road, and the subsequent injuries sustained by the Complainant.

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.

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