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EXECUTIVE REVIEW & PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

DATE: May 9, 2025

CASE #: POST2316745

PEACE OFFICER: Jared Brittain

POST ID#: C63-Z34

AGENCY: Orange County Sheriff's Department

POST CONSULTANT / BC: Paul Nanfito / Christine Ford

ALLEGATION(S):

Commission Regulation 1205(a)(1) - Dishonesty

Commission Regulation 1205(a)(6) - Acts that Violate the Law

On June 1, 2022, Respondent was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (0.20% blood alcohol content) and subsequently had a 6-month suspension imposed on his driving privileges by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Respondent did not inform the Orange County Sheriff's Department of this suspension.

On December 28, 2022, a citizen called the Anaheim Police Department to report finding a handgun in a vehicle she had rented from a local dealership. The Anaheim Police Department ran the firearm's serial number and determined it belonged to the Respondent, who had rented the Dodge truck immediately prior to the reporting party. When questioned about the firearm, the Respondent admitted to its ownership, but indicated that he could not recall when he had last seen the firearm.

During the internal affairs investigation for the DUI arrest, the Respondent was dishonest with Department investigators about: 1) the length of the suspension on his driver's license; 2) whether he drove himself to and from work; and 3) whether he or his assigned trainees drove the patrol car during the dates his license was suspended. In addition, during the subsequent internal affairs investigation prompted by the discovery of the unsecured firearm and discovery that Respondent had rented a vehicle during the period he reported his driving privileges were suspended, Respondent continued to be dishonest with investigators, even when confronted with evidence that disproved his prior statements.

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.

POST determined clear and convincing evidence exists to show Respondent was dishonest during an official investigation and that he violated the law by leaving an unsecured firearm in a rental vehicle and by driving on a suspended license on multiple occasions. These acts were sufficiently egregious to warrant revocation of peace officer certification pursuant to 13510.8(b)(1) and 13510.8(b)(6)

☐ There is insufficient evidence to support a recommendation of revocation or suspension of certification.

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