Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division
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STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

POST makes the following information available to the public pursuant to Penal Code §13510.85(c) which establishes that POST shall publish the names of any peace officer whose certification has been suspended or revoked and the basis for the suspension or revocation.

CASE NO.: POST2305236

SUBJECT OFFICER: Ryan Blouin **POST ID:** C68-Z63

EMPLOYING AGENCY: San Diego Police Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: 13510.8.(b)(1)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(1) – Dishonesty & 13510.8. (b)(6)/11 CCR 1205. (a)(6) – Acts that Violate the Law

CASE SUMMARY:

In March 2023, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) submitted a serious misconduct complaint to POST against SDPD Officer Ryan Blouin, hereafter "Respondent", alleging that Respondent committed criminal conduct and was dishonest when providing a false account of the reason for his vehicle being involved in an auto accident to law enforcement and to his insurance company. Following POST's investigation and review, POST found, by clear and convincing evidence, that reasonable grounds existed for consideration of revocation pursuant to Penal Code 13510.8. A summary of the investigative findings of the Division are as follows:

On September 28, 2022, while off duty, Officer Ryan Blouin, hereinafter, "Respondent" reported that he witnessed his car being stolen while he was exiting a nightclub. At approximately the same time, Respondent's car was involved in a rear-end collision and the driver fled the scene. On September 30, 2022, Respondent filed an automobile claim stating his vehicle was stolen and incurred damage. The San Diego Police Department conducted both an administrative and criminal investigation. The evidence demonstrated that Respondent's car was not stolen, and he was the driver when the vehicle was in a collision. On March 09, 2023, the San Diego County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint on Respondent alleging violations of PC 550(a)(4) – Present a False Insurance Claim, PC 550(b)(1) – False Statements to Support an Insurance Claim, and VC 10501(a) – False Report of Auto Theft. On March 30, 2023, the San Diego Police Department administrative investigation sustained allegations of dishonesty and

criminal conduct. On September 28, 2023, the Respondent pled guilty in court to a misdemeanor for unlawfully presenting an insurance claim (PC 550(b)(1)) with a statement that contained false and misleading information concerning material facts. Respondent resigned from his employment on April 12, 2024.

ANALYSIS/FINDINGS:

1. **The alleged misconduct violated Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(1) and Title 11, California Code of Regulations Section 1205 (a)(1) – Dishonesty**

Penal Code Section 13510.8(b)(1) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(1) defines as serious misconduct: "Dishonesty relating to the reporting, investigation, or prosecution of a crime, or relating to the reporting of, or investigation of misconduct by, a peace officer or custodial officer, including, but not limited to, false statements, intentionally filing false reports, tampering with, falsifying, destroying, or concealing evidence, perjury, and tampering with data recorded by a body-worn camera or other recording device for purposes of concealing misconduct."

Respondent was dishonest when he lied about his car being stolen and when he filed a false insurance claim and failed to provide true and accurate information during his internal affairs investigation.

2. **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**

Penal Code Section 13510.8 (b)(6) and Commission Regulation 1205 (a)(6) defines as serious misconduct: "Acts that violate the law 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 was found guilty in court to a misdemeanor count for unlawfully presenting an insurance claim (PC 550(b)(1)) with a statement that contained false and misleading information concerning material facts.

OUTCOME/IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

The Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division determined that reasonable grounds existed to seek revocation of the Respondent's certifications in this case. A notice of intent to revoke was issued on May 10, 2024. 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. On June 20, 2024, the default order was issued and served on Respondent. Respondent Ryan Blouin's (POST2305236) (POST ID: C68-Z63) peace officer certifications were revoked on June 20, 2024.