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EXECUTIVE REVIEW & PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

DATE: April 23, 2026

CASE #: POST2507244

PEACE OFFICER: Eduardo Guadalupe Escareno-Davila

POST ID#: C99-P62

AGENCY: Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

POST CONSULTANT / BC: Gerald Fernandez / Rob Guyton

ALLEGATION(S):

California Code of Regulations Title 11 § 1205(a)(6) - Acts that Violate the Law

On November 13, 2024, at approximately 0310 hours, while off duty, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Deputy Eduardo Guadalupe Escareno-Davila (hereinafter "Respondent") entered his roommate's (hereinafter "Victim") bedroom and touched her vaginal area while she was asleep. The contact awakened the Victim, who turned on the light and observed Respondent on the floor, appearing to hide under her bed. When confronted, Respondent—who appeared intoxicated and later admitted he had been drinking—claimed he was searching for a cat, which he later acknowledged was untrue, and repeatedly apologized. The Victim stated Respondent had never been in her bedroom before, which was understood to be off-limits, and that there was no romantic relationship between them.

Respondent later stated he had consumed alcohol and entered the Victim's room, touching her foot and moving his hand up her leg until she awoke, at which point he stopped, but he denied touching her vaginal area. Following the incident, the Victim contacted MCSO, and deputies responded, interviewed both parties, and served Respondent with an Emergency Protective Order that included a move-out order.

On November 21, 2024, Respondent was released during his probationary period from his position as a Deputy Sheriff/Coroner with MCSO. On December 9, 2024, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal case in the Mendocino County Superior Court, charging Respondent with one count of misdemeanor sexual battery. On or about May 15, 2025, MCSO initiated an administrative investigation, which concluded on or about July 10, 2025, with sustained findings for policy violations, including Standards of Conduct and violations related to sexual battery.

On February 20, 2026, the Mendocino County Superior Court dismissed the sexual battery charge, and Respondent pled guilty to misdemeanor battery, with proceedings suspended pursuant to a deferred entry of judgment.

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 committed serious misconduct as defined in Penal Code §13510.8(b)(6) and California Code of Regulations Title 11 §1205(a)(6) – Acts that Violate the Law when he assaulted the Victim by touching her without her knowledge or permission while she was sleeping.

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