**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.:** POST2300240

**SUBJECT OFFICER:** Edgardo Sandoval **POST ID:** C14-C28

**EMPLOYING AGENCY:** Corona Police Department

**ALLEGED MISCONDUCT:** 13510.8 (b)(6)/11 CCR 1205 (a)(6) – Acts that Violate the Law

## CASE SUMMARY:

On January 9, 2023, the Corona Police Department submitted a serious misconduct complaint to POST against Officer Edgardo Sandoval, hereafter "Respondent", alleging that Respondent had been convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code section 23153(b) – driving under the influence of alcohol, causing injury. It was further found by the Corona Police Department that Respondent had suffered a previous driving under the influence conviction in March 2012. 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 October 16, 2022, Officer Edgardo Sandoval, hereinafter, "Respondent" was involved in a solo traffic collision in the City of Lake Elsinore, California. Respondent's passenger sustained injuries as a result of the collision and a test of Respondent's blood alcohol level returned a result of .21%. He was arrested and ultimately convicted on August 20, 2024, in Riverside Superior Court of Vehicle Code section 23153(b) – driving under the influence of alcohol, causing injury. The Respondent had a prior conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol on March 1, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Corona Police Department conducted an administrative investigation, which subsequently sustained allegations of serious misconduct against the Respondent for Criminal Conduct and Unbecoming Conduct that reflects unfavorably on the Corona Police Department. The Respondent was terminated from the Corona Police Department on September 22, 2023.

**ANALYSIS/FINDINGS:**

1. **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 and 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."*

In March 2012, Respondent sustained a conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol. Twelve years later, on October 16, 2022, Respondent was driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and was involved in a solo traffic collision, resulting in an injury to his passenger. Moreover, Respondent's blood alcohol level was .21%, which is far greater than the legal limit of .08% Respondent was subsequently convicted on August 20, 2024, of a violation of California Vehicle Code section 23153(b) – driving under the influence of alcohol, causing injury. Despite having been trained in the dangers of driving under the influence and to recognize the signs of intoxication, the Respondent chose to drive while seriously intoxicated, putting himself, his passenger, and the community in danger. Respondent's misconduct was therefore repeated and egregious as he displayed a wanton disregard for the safety of others on two separate occasions.

**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 served on November 7, 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 December 27, 2024, the default order was issued and served on Respondent. Respondent Edgardo Sandoval's (POST2300240) (POST ID: C14-C28) peace officer certification was revoked on December 27, 2024.