AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Title: POST2400920 - TOMMY THOMPSON (POST ID: B81-T83)
LAST EMPLOYING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT PROFILE

MEETING DATE 03/05/2025	**BUREAU SUBMITTING THE REPORT** Professional Conduct Los Angeles Bureau	
RESEARCHED BY Brad Ehrman	**REVIEWED BY** Mike Radford	
REPORT DATE	**APPROVED BY** Manuel Alvarez, Jr.	**DATE APPROVED** 02/18/2025
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 the Los Angeles Police Department on June 10, 1996, as a full-time Police Officer. The Respondent was promoted to the rank of Detective on June 25, 2006. The Respondent promoted to the rank of Detective II (Supervisor) on November 3, 2013. At the time of the incident, he was assigned as Detective II. The Respondent was demoted from the rank of Detective II to Detective I on July 30, 2023, as a result of this incident. The Respondent retired on August 31, 2024, and is not currently employed as a peace officer in the State of California.

This position is a peace officer position as defined under California Penal Code §830.1(a) and is required to be certified pursuant to California Penal Code §13510.1(a).

The circumstances surrounding the incident occurred when

Respondent was arrested on March 14, 2023, for driving under the influence (DUI) and Hit and Run by the California Highway Patrol. Three days later, on March 17, 2023, Respondent was involved in a single vehicle accident and was arrested for DUI by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. On February 22, 2024, Respondent pled no contest to a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code Section 23103.5(a) Wet Reckless for the March 17, 2023, arrest and a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code Section 23152(a), driving under the influence of alcohol, for the March 14, 2023, arrest and admitted to a prior conviction for driving under the influence (the March 17, 2023 arrest) in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

ANALYSIS:

The Division found that the clear and convincing evidence substantiated that the Respondent's conduct amounted to acts that violate the law and that are sufficiently egregious or repeated as described in Commission Regulation 1205(a)(6) in that Respondent was arrested on March 13, 2023, for DUI and Hit and Run, and again on March 17, 2023, for DUI.

On January 16, 2025, following the presentation by the Division and public comments delivered by the subject officer, the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board (Board) found that a factual basis for revocation of the subject officer's certification had been established by clear and convincing evidence and, in light of the Division's investigation in this case, recommended the revocation of the subject officer's certification. The Board incorporated the Division's Investigatory Summary and Findings and adopted the Division's Summary and Findings as the Board's stated reasons for its recommendation as required under Penal Code section 13510.85(a)(4).

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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