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.: POST2408705

SUBJECT OFFICER: Paul Edwards **POST ID:** C61-P85

EMPLOYING AGENCY: Stockton Police Department

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT: Penal Code section 13510.8(b)(1)/11 CCR 1205(a)(1) – Dishonesty

CASE SUMMARY:

On October 16, 2024, the Stockton Police Department submitted a report of potential serious misconduct to POST against Officer Paul Edwards, hereinafter "Respondent," alleging that Respondent engaged in dishonesty while employed as a peace officer. Following POST's investigation and review, POST found, by clear and convincing evidence, that reasonable grounds existed for consideration of revocation pursuant to PC 13510.8. A summary of the investigative findings of the Division are as follows:

On August 23, 2023, Stockton Police Department Vice detectives were conducting surveillance for an investigation when they observed Respondent speaking with, what appeared to be, prostitutes from within his patrol vehicle, and parking in various locations in and around the area for no apparent reason. As a result of their observations, Vice detectives surveilled the Respondent for five consecutive days beginning September 6, 2023, to September 10, 2023, which included placing a location tracker on Respondent's assigned patrol vehicle. During this five-day period, it was determined that the Respondent failed to respond to 11 calls he was dispatched to despite claiming he had responded to the locations and completed the calls. Additionally, the Respondent was dishonest with a victim of theft and failed to investigate that theft; and was dishonest with his supervisor on two separate occasions regarding an assault at the City of Stockton Animal Shelter that the Respondent failed to investigate. The Stockton Police Department conducted an administrative investigation, which subsequently sustained allegations of misconduct against Respondent for Dishonesty.

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) define 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 on 11 occasions when he failed to respond to calls for service despite indicating through dispatch and his in-car computer that he had in fact responded and handled the calls. Additionally, the Respondent was dishonest when he advised his supervisor on two separate occasions that an assault had not occurred City of Stockton Animal Shelter when in fact an assault had occurred and the Respondent failed to investigate the crime. In addition, Respondent was dishonest during his administrative interview when he could not provide a clear answer to explain his actions.

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 certification in this case. A notice of intent to revoke was served on May 2, 2025. 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 5, 2025, the default order was issued and served on Respondent. Respondent Paul Edwards' (POST2408705) (POST ID: C61-P85) peace officer certifications were revoked on June 5, 2025.