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STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

In the Matter of )  
 )  
 Edward Matsuura, ) FINDING OF DISQUALIFICATION  
 ) RULE AND ORDER  
 Respondent, ) APSC No. 2019-11  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINDING OF DISQUALIFICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to AS 18.65.220(6), 13 AAC 85.010, and 13 AAC 85.100 the Executive Director of the State of Alaska Police Standards Council, (APSC), may deny an application, or find a police officer job applicant or training applicant ineligible for police officer certification, if the applicant does not satisfy the requirements set by the council for certification. An applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Executive Director may petition for review of that decision by the council. The council's review of that decision is controlled by the Administrative Procedure Act.

On or about March 2011, Respondent was contacted by Honolulu, Hawaii, police officers where he was named as a suspect in an incident first reported as a kidnapping. The incident was determined to be a civil matter and the officers did not take any action after interviewing the Respondent at his home.

In 2018, Respondent applied to be a police officer with the Anchorage Alaska Police Department (APD). During this process, he did not report the Honolulu incident on his sworn personnel history form or advise APD background investigators, as required.

On or about November 2018, after his background investigation was concluded, Respondent was hired by APD and given a December 2018 report date to begin training.

On or about November 11, 2018, prior to the start of the police academy, Respondent was involved in a domestic violence dispute with his spouse at their home in Las Vegas, Nevada. His spouse told responding Las Vegas officers Respondent threatened her life she was in fear. No arrests or charges arose from this incident. Despite being counselled by the Las Vegas officers, and agreeing to do so at the time, he failed to disclose this contact to APD, as required by department policy and his employment agreement with them.

When the above incidents came to light while he was attending the police academy, APD began an internal investigation and interviewed the Respondent. Respondent resigned from APD on February 13, 2019 when it became apparent that APD would most likely terminate him.

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Based upon the conduct described in documents and materials supplied APSC and upon the Respondent’s sworn personal history statements where he omitted material facts, the Executive Director of APSC found the Respondent to be disqualified for certification as an officer, pursuant to 13 AAC 85.100(a).

On September 19, 2019, APSC mailed, certified return-receipt, notice of the Executive Director’s decision, his rights under the Administrative Procedures Act, and that a failure to respond to the findings within statutory deadlines would result in a default Finding of Disqualification being entered into his record.. Respondent acknowledged receipt of notification on September 25, 2019 when “Ed Matsuura” signed for the certified mail package delivered in Las Vegas, Nevada.

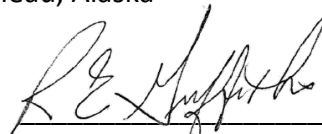
WHEREAS, the Alaska Police Standards Council has found that Respondent is disqualified from certification as a police officer in Alaska;

WHEREAS, the Respondent was notified of this finding and of his rights to appeal the council’s decision pursuant to the procedures governed by the Administrative Procedure Act in AS 44.62.330, et. seq.; and,

WHEREAS the Respondent did not request a fact-finding hearing within statutory timeframes to exercise his rights under the Alaska Administrative Procedures Act and appeal the decision of the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, this formal Finding of Disqualification for Police Certification is entered into the Respondent’s record, subject to the provisions for 13 AAC 85.100(d).

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, at Juneau, Alaska



Robert E. Griffiths, Executive Director  
Alaska Police Standards Council

Adopted by the Alaska Police Standards Council, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019, at Anchorage, Alaska



Chief Justin Doll, Council Chair  
Alaska Police Standards Council