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STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

In the Matter of)	
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Mark D Adams)	APSC No. 2017-08
)	
Respondent,)	
_____)	

FINDING OF DISQUALIFICATION

The Alaska Police Standards Council of the State of Alaska, pursuant to 13 AAC 85.100(c), provides that the Executive Director 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 September of 2016, Respondent applied for employment as a certified police officer with the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS). In required forms supporting his application and eventual certification, Respondent failed to disclose disqualifying drug usage in 2015 that he later admitted to during a background investigation. The Executive Director reviewed the disclosures made by the Respondent and found that these actions disqualified Respondent from being hired or certified as a police officer pursuant to 13 AAC 85.010 (a)(3), 13 AAC 85.010 (b)(4)(C), 13 AAC 85.100(a)(2), 13 AAC 85.100 (b)(4)(B), 13 AAC 85.100 (a)(1), and 13 AAC 85.100 (b)(3).

Respondent was notified of the Executive Director's determination of disqualification on October 1, 2017, and requested an appeal of the findings to the full Police Standards Council at its next scheduled meeting. On December 5, 2017, the Alaska Police Standards Council met. While in executive session, the council took telephonic testimony from the Respondent, reviewed the written materials he and the Executive Director provided, and deliberated the matter. Upon reconvening in open session, the council voted to sustain the Executive Director's finding that the Respondent was disqualified from Alaska police certification.

On January 2, 2018, Respondent was formally notified of the results of his appeal to the council and his rights to appeal the decision under the Administrative Procedures Act. He acknowledged receipt of the notice and accompanying documents.

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

WHEREAS, the Alaska Police Standards Council heard the Respondent’s appeal of the Executive Director’s findings and voted to sustain a finding that Respondent was disqualified from certification as a police officer in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the Respondent was notified of this finding and of his rights to appeal the decision of the council pursuant to 13 AAC 85.100(c) and the Alaska Administrative Procedures Act; and,

WHEREAS the Respondent failed to respond to the notification within statutory timeframes to seek review of the Executive Director’s decision;

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

Dated this 19th day of January, 2018, At Juneau, Alaska

Robert E. Griffiths, Executive Director
Alaska Police Standards Council

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