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STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

In the Matter of:                     )  
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                          Stephanie M. Cravens,)       No. APSC 2014-12  
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Respondent                                )  
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**ACCUSATION**

Sarah Hieb, Administrative Investigator of the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC), State of Alaska, is seeking to revoke the correctional officer certificate of Respondent Stephanie M. Cravens under the legal authority of AS 18.65.245(2), the Council's regulations in 13 AAC 85.270, and under the procedures governed by the Administrative Procedure Act in AS 44.62.330, *et. seq.* The Administrative Investigator alleges as follows:

1. On or about September 24, 2012, the Respondent was hired by the Alaska Department of Corrections as a correctional officer.
2. On or about November 19, 2013, the Respondent was certified by APSC as a correctional officer in the State of Alaska.
3. On or about April 4, 2014, the Respondent smuggled an iPhone into Palmer Correctional Center (PCC) and delivered it to an inmate.
4. On or about April 7, 2014, PCC Superintendent Tomi Anderson reported to the Alaska State Troopers the information described in paragraph 4 and the Alaska State Troopers opened a criminal investigation on the report.
5. On or about April 7, 2014, the Respondent was placed on administrative leave for the duration of the investigation.

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3 6. On or about April 17, 2014, during her interview for the Trooper  
4 investigation, the Respondent told Investigator Calt that she had brought the iPhone  
5 into the PCC so that an inmate could keep in touch with his girlfriend and she was  
6 paid \$650 for doing so.  
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8 7. In the same interview in paragraph 6, the Respondent told Investigator  
9 Calt that she was given \$400 to buy "Molly" synthetic methamphetamine by former  
10 inmate Michael Freeman and had brought about four grams of "Molly" into PCC a  
11 few weeks before bringing in the iPhone. Four weeks before the Molly the  
12 Respondent said she smuggled Suboxone into PCC and received \$500 for doing so.  
13 The next week she smuggled more Soboxone into PCC. The Respondent reported to  
14 Investigator Calt that she made about \$1100 profit for smuggling in the three loads  
15 of drugs and the phone.  
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17 8. On or about April 21, 2014, the Respondent resigned her position, as  
18 a correctional officer from the Alaska Department of Corrections, under threat of  
19 discharge.  
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21 9. On or about May 1, 2014, the Palmer Grand Jury indicted the  
22 Respondent for Receiving a Bribe and Promoting Contraband 1st Degree, both  
23 felony charges.  
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25 10. AS 18.65.245(2) provides that the APSC may revoke the certificate of  
26 a correctional officer who fails to meet the standards adopted under AS 18.65.242(a).  
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28 11. 13 AAC 85.270(a)(2) provides that the council will, in its discretion  
29 revoke a basic certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate has been  
30 discharged, or resigned under threat of discharge, from employment as a correctional  
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officer for cause for conduct that is detrimental to the reputation, integrity, or discipline of the correctional agency where the officer worked.

12. 13 AAC 85.270(a)(3) provides that the council will, in its discretion revoke a basic certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate who is a correctional officer does not meet the standards in 13 AAC 85.210 (a) or (b).

13. 13 AAC 85.270(b)(2)(B) provides that the council will revoke a basic certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate has, after hire as a correctional officer, illegally used or possessed any other controlled substance.

14. 13 AAC 85.270(b)(2)(C) provides that the council will revoke a basic certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate has, after hire as a correctional officer, illegally purchased, sold, cultivated, transported, manufactured, or distributed a controlled substance.

15. 13 AAC 85.270(b)(3) provides that the council will revoke a basic certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate has been discharged, or resigned under threat of discharge, from employment as a correctional officer for cause for conduct that would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubt about an individual's honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and for the laws of this state and the United States or that is detrimental to the integrity of the correctional agency where the officer worked.

**COUNT I**

Paragraphs 1-15 are incorporated by reference. Based upon the facts described above, the Respondent resigned her position as a correctional officer with the State of Alaska Department of Corrections, under threat of discharge, for cause for conduct that is detrimental to the reputation, integrity, or discipline of the State of

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3 Alaska Department of Corrections, which is grounds for discretionary revocation  
4 under 13 AAC 85.270(a)(2).

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6 **COUNT II**

7 Paragraphs 1-15 are incorporated by reference. Based upon the facts described  
8 above, the Respondent does not meet the minimum standards for a certified  
9 correctional officer established under 13 AAC 85.210(a)(3). The Respondent lacks  
10 good moral character and lacks respect for the laws of the State of Alaska and the  
11 United States, which is grounds for discretionary revocation under 13 AAC  
12 85.270(a)(3).  
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16 **COUNT III**

17 Paragraphs 1-15 are incorporated by reference. Based upon the facts described  
18 above, the Respondent, after hire as a correctional officer, illegally possessed a  
19 controlled substance, which is grounds for mandatory revocation under 13 AAC  
20 85.270(b)(2)(B).  
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23 **COUNT IV**

24 Paragraphs 1-15 are incorporated by reference. Based upon the facts described  
25 above, the Respondent, after hire as a correctional officer, illegally purchased, sold,  
26 cultivated, transported, manufactured, or distributed a controlled substance, which is  
27 grounds for mandatory revocation under 13 AAC 85.270(b)(2)(C).  
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30 **COUNT V**

31 Paragraphs 1-15 are incorporated by reference. Based upon the facts described  
32 above, the Respondent resigned her position as a correctional officer with the Alaska  
Department of Corrections under the threat of discharge, for cause for conduct that  
would cause a reasonable person to have substantial doubt about the Respondent's

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respect for the rights of others and for the laws of the State of Alaska, and is detrimental to the integrity of the State of Alaska Department of Corrections, which is grounds for mandatory revocation under 13 AAC 85.270(b)(3).

DATED this 6 day of January, 2016, at Juneau, Alaska.

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Sarah Hieb, Administrative Investigator  
Alaska Police Standards Council