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STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

In the Matter of)
)
 John Michael Mendoza,) APSC No. 2019-12
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 Respondent,)
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FINDING OF CERTIFICATION DISQUALIFICATION

Pursuant to AS 18.65.220(6), 13 AAC 85.210, and 13 AAC 85.260 the Alaska Police Standards Council of the State of Alaska (Council), provides that the Executive Director may deny an application, or find a probation officer or applicant ineligible for certification, if the individual 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.

In April 2017, John Michael Mendoza "Respondent," applied to become a Probation Officer with the Alaska Department of Corrections (DOC). Alaska DOC hired Mendoza on July 7, 2017 and sent him to the DOC training academy for basic training. On July 27, 2017 DOC terminated Mendoza's employment following their 'pre-employment' background investigation and an inquiry into reports of Respondent's inappropriate behavior in the academy.

On April 15, 2019, DOC reported the hire and termination of Respondent to the Council and the Executive Director initiated an administrative investigation. Upon review of documentation obtained by the Council, the Executive Director found that:

1. Respondent falsified or omitted information require to be provided on the application for certification or on supporting documents (his Personal History Statement known as an F-3 form). This includes information about prior drug usage, termination from previous employment, and omission of prior agencies he had applied to,
2. Respondent's conduct while at the DOC academy demonstrated lack of fairness and respect for the rights of others; and
3. Respondent does not meet the standards in 13 AAC 85.210; because of demonstrated dishonesty and lack of respect for the rights of others.

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On April 16, 2019, Respondent was notified by e-mail of the Executive Director’s finding of disqualification, 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. When Respondent failed to acknowledge receipt of the e-mailed notification, he was notified by certified US mail, return receipt requested, sent on May 30, 2019 and delivered on June 12, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Alaska Police Standards Council has found that Respondent is disqualified from certification as a probation 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 appeal this determination to the Council or 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 Certification is entered into the Respondent’s record, subject to the provisions for 13 AAC 85.260(d).

Dated this 5th day of July 2019, at Juneau, Alaska



Robert E. Griffiths, Executive Director
Alaska Police Standards Council

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



Chief Justin Doll, Council Chair
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