

STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

In the Matter of)
)
 Donald Coke) No. APSC 2003-4
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 Respondent,)
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ORDER

The Alaska Police Standards Council of the State of Alaska, having duly convened on the 29th day of November 2004, and having reviewed and discussed the Accusation against the respondent which was served March 3, 2003, in accordance with AS 44.62.380, takes official notice that a Notice of Defense or a request for hearing has not been received from respondent as required by AS 44.62.390. The Council also takes official notice that under AS 44.62.530, if the respondent does not file a Notice of Defense, the Council may take action based upon other evidence, and an accusation may be used without notice to the respondent.

Accordingly, the Council has considered the accusation dated February 26, 2004.

Based upon the Council's consideration of the facts recited in the accusation,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. That the allegations made in the Accusation against the respondent dated on the 26th of February, 2004, are hereby adopted and the Accusation is made by reference a part of this order as though set forth fully herein.
2. That the respondent's correctional officer certificate in the State of Alaska is hereby revoked; and
3. That this order of Revocation shall take effect in accordance with AS 44.62.520 (a).

Dated this 29th day of November, 2004.


 Ronald Rice, Chairman
 Alaska Police Standards Council

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ACCUSATION

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10 Jim Meehan, Administrator of the Police Standards
11 Council, Department of Public Safety of the State of Alaska, moves to
12 revoke the certificate of Donald Coke, as a correctional officer
13 to AS 18.65.242, AS 18.65.245, AS 44.62.330 et. Seq., 13
14 AAC 85.210, and 13 AAC 85.270, and 13 AAC 85.270.
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The Administrator Alleges as Follows:

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20 1. On or about August 11, 1997, the respondent was hired as a correctional
21 officer for the State of Alaska, Department of Corrections.
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23 2. On or about September 10, 1998, the respondent submitted an application
24 to the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) for a correctional officer
25 certificate.
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27 3. On or about September 11, 1998, the respondent was certified as a
28 correctional officer in the State of Alaska.
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30 4. During September, 2003, the Department of Corrections conducted an
31 internal investigation in reference to allegations that during September 2003, the
32 respondent engaged in inappropriate conduct with inmate Sarah Owens at the
Lemon Creek Correctional Center (LCCC). Some of the incidents include the
following:

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1 The respondent received numerous phone calls at his residence from
2 inmate Owens. Portions of the conversations appear to be of a close and personal
3 nature, with portions of the conversation involving innuendos of a sexual nature.
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5 The respondent sent personal letters to inmate Owens. Some of the letters
6 described intimate sexual descriptions of the respondent's relationship with
7 inmate Owens.
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10 The respondent had inappropriate contact with inmate Owens when he
11 escorted Owens to a broom closet where he was alone with her for several
12 minutes. Another inmate reported that Owens told her that the respondent and
13 Owens had sex during the time they were in the broom closet.
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16 The respondent was bringing special items to LCCC for inmate Owens
17 that could not be purchased through the commissary.
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19 The respondent provided inmate Owens with numerous photographs of
20 himself that were found in inmate Owens photo album inside her property locker.
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22 5. During September 2003, the Department of Corrections conducted an
23 internal investigation in reference to allegations that the respondent engaged in
24 inappropriate conduct with inmate Owens and determined that there was
25 substantial evidence to support the above allegations which is in violation of
26 Department of Correction's Policy and Procedure 202.15 titled "Standard of
27 Conduct".
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30 6. On or about October 13, 2003 the respondent was terminated from the
31 DOC as a result of the above mentioned conduct.
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COUNT I

7. Paragraphs 1 through 6 are incorporated by reference as though set forth
in detail. In addition, the administrator alleges that respondent was terminated

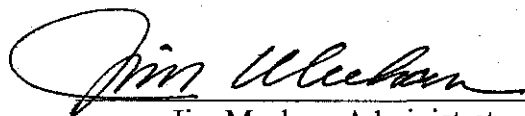
1 for cause relating to dishonesty or misconduct as a correctional officer in Alaska,
2 and therefore, his correctional officer certificate should be revoked under AS
3 18.65.242 (a) (2) and 13 AAC 85.270 (b) (3).
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5 COUNT II

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7 3. Paragraphs 1 through 7 are incorporated by reference as though set forth
8 in detail. In addition, the administrator alleges that the conduct described in
9 paragraphs 4 – 6 demonstrates that the respondent lacks good moral character.
10 The respondent therefore does not meet the minimum standards for certified
11 correctional officer established under AS 18.65.245 (2) and 13 AAC 85.270 (a)
12 (3), and his correctional officer certificate should be revoked.
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16 WHEREFORE, the administrator prays that Donald L. Coke's certificate
17 as a correctional officer in the State of Alaska be revoked.
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19 DATED this 26th day of Feb, 2004, in Juneau, Alaska.
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23 Jim Meehan, Administrator
24 Alaska Police Standards Council
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