

**Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
(DPSST or the Department)
Memo**

Date: April 26, 2023
To: Applicant Review Committee
From: Jennifer Levario
Professional Standards Case Manager
Subject: **Staff Report – Pre-Employment Criminal**
Steven Goudy; DPSST No. 63844

Reason for Discretionary Review

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training received an Application for Training (F5) and a Criminal History Reporting Form (F28) for Steven Goudy, where he disclosed a 2015 criminal disposition for what he reported was a misdemeanor involving a broken phone in Clackamas County, Oregon.

The Department submitted a LEDS inquiry for Goudy and found that he had been arrested on September 2, 2017, by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for *Interfering with Making a Report*, a misdemeanor. On November 20, 2017, Goudy agreed to plead guilty to *Interfering with Making a Report*.

The Department determined that the conduct being reviewed violates the Board's pre-employment moral fitness standards. Through the case review process, the committee will affirm, modify, or negate the below-identified elements of pre-employment moral fitness violations and make a determination on the disposition of this case:

Dishonesty: The Department did not identify elements of dishonesty.

Gross Misconduct: Goudy engaged in reckless conduct that included harm to another person and a person's property.

Material Events and Conduct

The CCSO was dispatched on September 2, 2017, to an assault at a residence in Wilsonville, Oregon as reported by the victim, Goudy's wife. She reported she was in a physical domestic incident with her husband but left for her mother's house before making the call. She told the officer that Goudy grabbed her arm and pushed on her shoulder because she was in the way of him trying to grab money out of the diaper bag.

At this point, the victim told Goudy she was going to call the police because he grabbed and pushed her. She said Goudy then grabbed her phone off the counter, and she said, "Don't break my phone." Goudy snapped her phone, breaking the screen and making it unusable. He then threw the phone on the ground. She said that even though

the phone did not have service, it was able to make a 911 call. This was her only way of making a call because they did not have a landline.

The victim said this was when she woke up her child and took her to her mother-in-law's apartment, where she called the police. She also said she did not have any marks from the incident on her, and there were no other witnesses during the pushing. The officer observed that the victim was crying and visibly upset. She was worried because she was a stay-at-home mother and felt trapped because all of her family was in California. She said Goudy controlled all of the money and their vehicle. She said Goudy verbally abuses her, calling her "Cunt" among other names in front of their young child.

The CCSO officer left the victim's location and arrived at Goudy's apartment and spoke to him outside. Goudy said they had a verbal argument when the victim asked him to massage her. Goudy said his wife is a large woman and blocked him from getting to his wallet in the diaper bag. When asked if he pushed her or pulled her, he would not directly answer the question, only saying she was in the way. The officer asked many times, and Goudy never gave a direct answer.

Goudy told the officer that he broke the victim's phone to prevent her from calling the police because the argument they were having was "not a police matter." Goudy said she could have left the apartment if she wanted to call the police.

Goudy was arrested by the CCSO for *Interfering with Making a Report*, and he was transported to the Clackamas County Jail where he was lodged.

On November 20, 2017, Goudy agreed to plead guilty to *Interfering with Making a Report*, and the *Harassment* was dismissed, as part of a deferred sentencing.

Deferred Sentence Ordered:

- \$300.80 fines and fees, which still includes a balance due as of March 16, 2023.
- Enter and complete Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing Program (DVDSP). Completed.
- No contact with the victim without court permission.
- No firearms or weapons.

On September 10, 2018, the charge of Interfering with Making a Report was dismissed with prejudice, and the no-contact order was lifted.

Relevant Circumstances for Consideration

Goudy was not employed in a certifiable position at the time of the conduct.

Goudy has been hired by the Department of Corrections/Snake River Correctional Institution who is aware of his criminal background.

Exhibits Reference

F4 Personnel Action with F5 Application for Training and F28 Criminal History Reporting	A1
CCSO Incident Reports	A2
District Attorney's Information	A3
Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty	A4
Domestic Violence Deferred Sentencing Program	A5
Hearing status	A6
ECourt Registry Dismissal	A7
Dismissal	A8
Mitigation	A9

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The Department determined that the conduct being reviewed violates the Board's pre-employment moral fitness standards.

Applicant Review Committee (ARC) Decision:

The ARC, in a 4 to 2 vote, decided to take **NO ACTION** against Goudy's Application for Training and subsequent Application for Certification.

Committee Review:

The committee considered the following moral fitness violations and factors in making their decision.

Moral Fitness Violations:

- Dishonesty: The ARC did not identify elements of dishonesty.
- Gross Misconduct: Goudy engaged in reckless conduct that included harm to another person and a person's property.

Aggravating Factors:

- Domestic Violence is a very serious offense.
- Concerning that Goudy noted the conviction was in 2015 with a "?" mark next to it on his F28 Criminal History Report which calls into question his sincerity in his verbal mitigation since the offense occurred in 2017.

- Goudy would not answer the officer when asked several times whether he harmed his wife.
- Goudy broke his wife's phone.
- Goudy has not paid all his fines in this incident.
- If he speaks to his wife in the manner listed in the reports, how might he speak to Adults in Custody?

Mitigating Factors:

- Goudy's verbal mitigation suggested he "owned up" to his actions.
- Goudy did not try to minimize his actions in his verbal mitigation today.
- Goudy's family has remained together.

Information Used in Determination:

- Transcript of the verbal mitigation.
- ARC Staff Report, with exhibits.