

ETHICS BULLETIN

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS—PRIVATE SECURITY

To increase the public's trust, the Oregon legislature has mandated the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training establish minimum standards for all private security providers in the state. The minimum standards for this program are defined in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 259, Division 60. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (Department) is responsible for certifying and licensing private security professionals, instructors and managers who meet all of the Board-established standards, and for denying or revoking the certification or licensure of those who do not meet or fall below the standards.

The Professional Standards Ethics Bulletin has been developed as an educational tool aimed at providing insight and transparency into situations involving applicants for certification or licensure and current providers who may have violated the minimum standards. This publication is meant to provide insight into the types of behaviors that resulted in revocation, denial, suspension or civil penalty of private security certification and licensure over the last two months. The bulletin details the conduct and the resulting Department action. The names of the individuals in this bulletin have been omitted to ensure focus remains on the behavior. This is a sampling of cases and not meant to describe all past actions taken by the Department over the last few months.

Questions about these incidents or about the Department processes and procedures can be directed to Private Security (503) 378-8531 or dpsst.security@state.or.us.

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Board and Public Safety Memorial Fund Board April 28, 2022

Private Security/Investigators Policy Committee May 17, 2022

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MARCH 2022 STATISTICS

Currently Certified and Licensed Private Security Providers in Oregon: 20,872

Professionals

Alarm Monitor Professionals 1,922

Armed/Unarmed Professionals 2,044

Unarmed Professionals 14,144

Event & Entertainment Professionals 234

Managers

Executive Managers 929

Supervisory Managers 1,100

Instructors

Unarmed Instructors 352

Alarm Monitor Instructors 91

Firearms Instructors 56

Professional Standards Cases Opened: 527

Professional Standards Cases Closed: 284

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THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **DENIAL AND REFUSAL TO RENEW CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES BY DPSST**
SEPTEMBER 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2022

ALL APPLICANTS WERE SERVED WITH A NOTICE OF PROPOSED DENIAL OR REFUSAL TO RENEW BASED ON DISCRETIONARY AND/OR DISQUALIFYING CONDUCT PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT MITIGATING INFORMATION

- APPLICANTS 1—15 FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE AND THEY WERE DISQUALIFIED/DENIED.
- APPLICANTS 16 - 17 WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION AND THEIR CASE WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED.

Discretionary disqualifying conduct is based on dishonesty or deceit, sexual misconduct, drug related misconduct, destruction of property or violence, abuse or neglect against a person or animal, a drug offense/drug related misconduct or the illegal use or possession of a weapon, where the conduct occurred within the four years prior to certification or while certified.

Applicant 1, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (property damage). The applicant was arrested and formally charged with Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree after damaging a vehicle. The charge resulted in a conviction. The conduct occurred while the applicant was previously certified as an unarmed provider. Applicant requested a hearing on the matter and the Department prevailed.

Applicant 2, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was arrested for multiple domestic violence incidents, the charges did not result in a conviction. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department.

Applicant 3, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was arrested on multiple occasions within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant was found to have been dishonest during law enforcement investigations and had multiple incidents of conduct involving violence against others.

Applicant 4, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit and violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was arrested for Robbery in another jurisdiction within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant, along with three other individuals, assaulted a hotel clerk for till money.

Applicant 5, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was arrested for assaulting a law enforcement officer in another jurisdiction prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant bit and kicked the officer during a traffic stop and attempted arrest.

Applicant 6, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person and dishonesty or deceit). The applicant assaulted their significant other, was dishonest to law enforcement officers and initiated a false police report. The applicant was previously certified as a private security provider and failed to inform the Department of charges associated with the arrest and charges as required.

Applicant 7, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was arrested on multiple occasions for assaulting their domestic partner within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department.

Applicant 8, an Unarmed Applicant, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of property theft in another jurisdiction within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant stole cash out of a wallet which had been dropped on the ground.

Applicant 9, an Alarm Monitor Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of property theft in another jurisdiction within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant failed to return a rental vehicle and had a history of prior theft offenses.

Applicant 10, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of false swearing within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant lied on an application to purchase a firearm, the applicant was ineligible to purchase a firearm as they had an active warrant for failure to appear. The applicant was aware of the unresolved court matter.

Applicant 11, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of unlawful purchase of a firearm within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant lied on an application to purchase a firearm. The applicant knew that they had an active restraining order against them and knew that they were prohibited from being in possession of or purchasing a firearm.

Applicant 12, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of petty larceny in another jurisdiction within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant conspired to use a stolen credit card to rent hotel rooms.

Applicant 13, an Unarmed Professional and Supervisory Manager, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was convicted of unlawful use of a firearm within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant fired a gun at a moving vehicle.

Applicant 14, an Armed/Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was convicted of unlawful use of a firearm within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant pointed a firearm at another individual while in a bar.

Applicant 15, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was convicted of unlawful use of a weapon and menacing within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant pointed a firearm at a neighbor and threatened the neighbor by racking the chamber of the gun.

Applicant 16, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (drug related). The applicant was convicted of unlawful possession of methamphetamine within the four years prior to submission of application for certification to the Department. The applicant obtained methamphetamine while working as a security provider during a previous certification period. Application was withdrawn.

Applicant 17, an Unarmed Professional, is a convicted felon and four years had not passed since completion of the court ordered obligations pursuant to OAR 259-060-0310(2)(c). Application was withdrawn.

THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **REVOCAION** OF CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES BY DPSST **SEPTEMBER 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2022.**

ALL PROVIDERS WERE SERVED WITH A NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVOCATION BASED ON DISCRETIONARY AND/OR DISQUALIFYING CONDUCT WHILE CERTIFIED AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT MITIGATING INFORMATION.

- PROVIDERS A - F FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE AND THEY WERE DISQUALIFIED/REVOKED.
- PROVIDERS G - H SURRENDERED THEIR CERTIFICATION AND THEIR CASE WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED.

Provider A, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The provider was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree constituting domestic violence, a misdemeanor offense, while certified. The provider failed to notify the Department of the charge and conviction as required. The provider requested a hearing on the proposed revocation, the Department prevailed.

Provider B, an Armed/Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (illegal use or possession of a weapon). The provider was convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm while certified. The provider requested a hearing on the proposed revocation, the Department prevailed.

Provider C, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence, abuse or neglect against a person or animal). The provider plead guilty to and was convicted of Animal Abuse in the Second Degree, a misdemeanor offense, while certified.

Provider D, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The provider was charged with initiating a false police report. The provider told law enforcement that they were the victim of a drive by shooting while they were providing private security services.

Provider E, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The provider was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree and Harassment, misdemeanor offenses, for conduct which occurred while certified and while providing private security services.

Provider F, an Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The provider was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree, a lesser included offense of felony criminal mistreatment in the first degree, while certified.

Provider G, an Armed/Unarmed Professional, was found to have been in violation of the emotional fitness requirements pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule for armed professionals. The provider surrendered their armed certification and were reclassified as an unarmed professional.

Provider H, an Armed/Unarmed Professional, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The provider, while working for an armored transportation service, stole cash from customers. Due to the thefts occurring in multiple jurisdictions, formal charges had not yet been filed. The provider surrendered all certifications.



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Our mission is to promote excellence in public safety by delivering quality training and developing and upholding professional standards for police, fire, corrections, parole and probation, and telecommunications personnel, in addition to certifying and licensing private security providers and licensing private investigators in Oregon.

DPSST also regulates and licenses polygraph examiners, determines sheriff candidates' eligibility to run for office and provides staffing for the Public Safety Memorial Fund. We strive to provide resources and certification programs that public safety officers and local public safety organizations need to maintain the highest professional skill standards, stewardship and service to Oregon's communities and citizens. These services are based at our 236-acre academy and extend across the state through a network of regional training coordinators.

Agency functions are guided by several Oregon Revised Statutes and our authority is defined specifically in Chapter No. 259 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. We are governed by a 24-member Board and five discipline-specific policy committees; we serve more than 41,000 public safety constituents across the state.

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