

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 two 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.

UPCOMING BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board and Public Safety Memorial Fund Board October 28, 2021

Private Security/Investigators Policy Committee November 16, 2021

*Board and Committee Meetings are now live streamed through DPSST Facebook:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/DPSSTOREGON/](https://www.facebook.com/dpsstoregon/)

AUGUST 2021 STATISTICS

Currently Certified and Licensed Private Security Providers in Oregon: 21,472

Professionals

Alarm Monitor Professionals 2,125

Armed/Unarmed Professionals 1,861

Unarmed Professionals 14,923

Event & Entertainment Professionals 68

Managers

Executive Managers 897

Supervisory Managers 1,108

Instructors

Unarmed Instructors 342

Alarm Monitor Instructors 103

Firearms Instructors 45

Professional Standards Cases Opened: 152

Professional Standards Cases Closed: 122

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM:

[HTTPS://WWW.OREGON.GOV/DPSST/BD/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/bd/pages/default.aspx)

THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **DENIAL** OF CERTIFICATIONS
AND LICENSES BY DPSST **MAY 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2021**

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

- APPLICANTS 1–3 FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE AND THEY WERE DISQUALIFIED/DENIED.
- APPLICANTS 4-5 WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION AND THE CASE WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED.

Applicant 1, an Unarmed Professional, engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (dishonesty or deceit). The individual was convicted of Obtaining Money or Goods by Fraud and Credit Card Fraud in another jurisdiction. (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 where the conduct occurred within the four years prior to certification or while certified).

Applicant 2, an Unarmed Professional, was convicted of Felony Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Under the 2020 Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), this is a lifetime disqualifier for certification. The applicant submitted his application to the Department in 2020.

Applicant 3, an Unarmed Professional, was convicted of Luring a Minor, a Class C Felony, within the four years prior to certification. Less than four years had passed since completion of the court ordered requirements.

Applicant 4, an Unarmed Professional, engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct. The individual was terminated from his employment for consuming intoxicants while performing the duties of a private security provider and was also on diversion for Assault in another jurisdiction. Applicant had several other arrests within the past ten years prior to application. The application was submitted under the 2020 Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) and pursuant to the 2020 OAR, the applicant violated moral fitness requirements by having three or more arrests within a ten year period, demonstrated lack of character and lack of public trust. Application was withdrawn.

Applicant 5, an Unarmed Professional, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm within the four years prior to certification. The applicant falsified her application for certification and did not disclose that her conduct leading up to her conviction included theft of a firearm and having a concealed firearm at the time of her law enforcement contact. Application was withdrawn.

THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **REVOCAION** OF CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES BY DPSST **MAY 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2021**

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.

- PROVIDER A RESPONDED TO THE NOTICE BY REQUESTING A HEARING. THE PROVIDER DID NOT PREVAIL AT THE HEARING AND THEY WERE DISQUALIFIED/REVOKED.
- PROVIDER B SURRENDERED THEIR CERTIFICATION AND THEIR CASE WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED.

Provider A, an Unarmed Professional, engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (dishonesty or deceit). The individual shoplifted from the store he was contracted to provide loss prevention services with after his shift was over. After review of evidence and witness testimony, a determination was made by an administrative law judge. The Department prevailed and revocation of the provider was upheld. (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 where the conduct occurred within the four years prior to certification or while certified).

Provider B, an Unarmed Professional, engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct involving violence or abuse against a person while performing the duties of a private security professional. (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 where the conduct occurred within the four years prior to certification or while certified). Provider surrendered certification.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

STAFFING CHANGES IN THE PRIVATE SECURITY/PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR/ POLYGRAPH PROGRAMS:

- Suzzane Herring is DPSST's new Professional Standards Division Director, replacing Linsay Hale.
- Jeffrey Henderson has replaced Suzzane Herring as the PS/PI/Polygraph Program Manager. (Jeff) comes to the program from DPSST's business services department, where he has served as their manager for the past several years.

UPDATED PROGRAM EMAILS:

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THE PRIVATE SECURITY/INVESTIGATOR POLICY COMMITTEE HAS OPEN VACANCIES FOR MANUFACTURING AND HOSPITALITY REPRESENTATIVES

For additional information or to submit an application (Policy Committee Interest Form), please visit the Board and Committee Resources at:

[Department of Public Safety Standards & Training : Board on Public Safety Standards & Training and Policy Committees : Boards and Committees : State of Oregon](#)

****VACANCIES WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED****



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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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