

# Professional Standards Ethics Bulletin

## Criminal Justice



### STATISTICS:

#### Cases Opened 5

##### Mandatory Disqualifiers

- Police 0
- Corrections 0
- Tele/EMD 0
- P & P 0

##### Discretionary Disqualifiers

- Police 1
- Corrections 4
- Tele/EMD 0
- P & P 0

#### Cases Pending 114

##### Mandatory Disqualifiers

- Police 18
- Corrections 13
- Tele/EMD 1
- P & P 3

##### Discretionary Disqualifiers

- Police 39
- Corrections 30
- Tele/EMD 10
- P & P 0

#### Cases Closed 12

- Revoked 6
- Denied 0
- No Action 6

To increase the public's trust, the Oregon legislature has mandated the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training establish minimum standards that are required to be met and maintained by Oregon's providers of public safety, including police officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, telecommunicators (9-1-1), emergency medical dispatchers, public safety instructors and OLCC regulatory specialists. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is responsible for certifying public safety professionals who meet all of the Board-established standards, and for denying or revoking the certification of those who do not meet or fall below the standards.

In addition to physical and intellectual standards, the Board has adopted minimum standards of moral fitness. Public safety professionals and applicants for public safety positions who have been convicted of a crime or have engaged in behavior that is deemed to fall below the minimum standards are subject to review as prescribed in Oregon Administrative Rule 259-008-0070. The sole purpose of this review is to determine if the Board's standards of moral fitness have been violated and if proceeding to deny or revoke public safety certification should be initiated. The review specifically looks for behavior that appears to involve dishonesty, disregard for the rights of others, misuse of authority, gross misconduct, misconduct, insubordination and incompetence.

The Professional Standards Ethics Bulletin has been developed as an educational tool aimed at providing insight and transparency into situations involving public safety professionals that may violate the Board's standard of moral fitness. The bulletin details the conduct and the resulting DPSST action. The names and agencies of the individuals in this report have been omitted to ensure focus remains on the behavior.

Questions about these incidents or about DPSST's processes and procedures can be directed to DPSST: (503) 378-2100 or [oregon.dpsst@state.or.us](mailto:oregon.dpsst@state.or.us).

The following cases have resulted in consideration of **revocation or denial** of certifications by DPSST in **February, 2016**.

"Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another."

~ John C. Maxwell

**Officer A**, who has not been employed in a certified public safety position since 2004, was convicted by a jury of Menacing after an incident with another motorist during which he threatened to shoot her. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer A signed a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certification, which permanently revoked his corrections certification.

**Officer A's Basic Corrections certification is Revoked.**

**Officer B** resigned with a settlement agreement after an investigation into allegations that he had inappropriate sexual contact with a female inmate. Officer B was found to have violated his agency's policies and procedures related to the allegations. During the administrative investigation the agency contacted DPSST for a Voluntary Relinquishment of Certifications for Officer B's review. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer B signed a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certification, which permanently revoked his corrections certification. Officer B's misconduct ended his 6-year career.

**Officer B's Basic and Intermediate Corrections Certifications are Revoked.**

**Officer C** was the subject of an internal affairs investigation after his agency received an allegation from a citizen that had contact with Officer C while on duty. A citizen requested assistance from law enforcement and had contact with Officer C related to her 9-1-1 call. After coming to her residence Officer C proceeded to show her his service revolver before taking off his clothes, groped her and asked for sexual favor after warning her not to tell anyone. Based on Officer C's conduct a criminal case was opened and he was subsequently convicted of First Degree Official Misconduct. Prior to DPSST initiating formal proceedings, Officer C signed a Stipulation Voluntarily Relinquishing Certification, which permanently revoked his police certification.

Officer C's misconduct ended his 6-year career.

**Officer C's Basic Police certification is Revoked.**

**Officer D** resigned from his position as a police officer in 2004 after 7 years of service. DPSST was notified that Officer D was convicted of four counts of First Degree Sexual Abuse, one count of Second Degree Sexual Abuse and one count of First Degree Sexual Penetration. Officer D was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke and failed to request a hearing. Officer D's certification was revoked by default.

**Officer D's Basic and Intermediate Police certifications are Revoked.**

**Officer E** was placed on leave and later resigned after a criminal investigation was initiated by the US Postal Service. Officer E was subsequently convicted of two counts of Third Degree Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse. Officer E was issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke and failed to request a hearing. Officer E's certification was revoked by default. Officer E's misconduct ended his 11-year career.

**Officer E's Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Police certifications are Revoked.**

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