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Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Executive Committee

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Members Present

Chief Craig Branch
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Ms. Maria Jankowski for Mr. David
Johnson
Colonel Gary Settle
Chief Kelvin Wright

Members Absent

Ms. Tonya Chapman, Chair
The Hon. Bryan Porter, Vice-Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board was called to order at 1:18 p.m. In the absence of the chair or vice-chair, Colonel Gary Settle made a motion, seconded by Chief Craig Branch, to elect Chief Kelvin Wright as the chair pro tempore. The motion passed unanimously. A quorum was present.

II. Grant Approval

- ***Victims Services Grant Program***

Ms. Kristina Vadas, Manager, Victims Services, Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), gave a summary of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims Services Grant Program and the Child Treatment Grant. She recommended that the Executive Committee approve grant funding adjustments to several grantees.

A motion was made by Sheriff Vanessa Crawford, seconded by Chief Branch, to approve grant funding in the amount of \$740,101 for the Victims Services Grant Program and the Child Treatment Grant as recommended by DCJS staff. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Decertification Hearing

Decertification of Sean Andrew Bujno

The Chairman called on Ms. Cathie Hutchins of the Office of the Attorney General to present the facts resulting in Mr. Bujno's decertification as a law-enforcement officer.

On August 23, 2018, Mr. Bujno pleaded guilty to and was convicted of one count of stalking in violation of Va. Code § 18.2-60.3 and two counts of assault and battery against a family or household member in violation of Va. Code § 18.2-57.2, which is grounds for decertification pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-1707.

Mr. Bujno was represented before the Executive Committee by counsel, Barry Taylor. Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Bujno did not attempt to harm the victim and, in fact, tried to prevent the victim from harming herself, but Mr. Bujno's trial counsel recommended that he take a plea deal to avoid a felony charge. As a result of his convictions, Mr. Bujno resigned from the Norfolk Police Department on August 30, 2018. Mr. Taylor stated that they are challenging Mr. Bujno's convictions and asked that the Executive Committee consider reinstating him if he is successful in overturning these convictions.

During the Executive Committee's questioning of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor asked if Mr. Bujno's charges were overturned would he be eligible to reapply with DCJS as a law-enforcement officer. Mr. Erik Smith, Manager, Law Enforcement, Policy and Standards, DCJS, noted that he did plead guilty so unless the charge is expunged, he would have to wait five years before being eligible to reapply.

After questioning of Mr. Taylor by members of the Executive Committee, Sheriff Crawford made a motion, seconded by Chief Branch, to sustain the decertification of Mr. Bujno. The motion was passed unanimously.

Decertification of Daryl C. Goldsmith, II

The Chairman called on Ms. Hutchins to present the facts resulting in Mr. Goldsmith's decertification as a law-enforcement officer.

On June 20, 2018, Mr. Goldsmith pleaded no contest to and was convicted of a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses in violation of Va. Code § 18.2-178, which is a crime of moral turpitude and is grounds for decertification pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-1707.

Mr. Goldsmith was represented before the Executive Committee by counsel, Ms. Hope Amezquita. Mr. Goldsmith also spoke on his own behalf and presented a witness, Sergeant Wilkins.

Captain Chris Gleason, Richmond Police Department, Disciplinary Review Office, and Ms. Antoinette Tull, Human Resources Division Chief, Richmond Police Department, were also present and testified to the Executive Committee.

After questioning of Mr. Goldsmith and the other witnesses by members of the Executive Committee, Colonel Settle made a motion, seconded by Sheriff Crawford, to sustain the decertification of Mr. Goldsmith. The motion was passed on a 4-1 vote with Chief Branch opposing the motion.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

V. Adjournment

Chief Branch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously.