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**SC Court of Appeals**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY**

In the Matter of the Issuance ) Case No. 2019-CJA-01-12  
of Law Enforcement Officer )  
Certification to Joseph Ragsdale ) **CONSENT ORDER**  
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Joseph Ragsdale (“Ragsdale”) voluntarily enters into this Consent Order pursuant to S.C. Regulation 37-108 (B). By entering into this Consent Order, Ragsdale acknowledges that he had a right to continue with his appeal, which is currently in the South Carolina Court of Appeals, of the Final Agency Decision dated September 15, 2019. Furthermore, Ragsdale agrees to withdraw his appeal, Appellate Case No. 2020-000345, within five (5) days of the approval of this Consent Order in lieu of this Consent Order pursuant to Rule 261(B) SCACR.

Ragsdale further agrees that:

1. An allegation of misconduct was made against Ragsdale, pursuant to S.C. Regulation 37-025 and/or S.C. Code Section 23-23-150(A)(3)(j). The allegations stated that on October 26, 2018, Ragsdale willfully made a false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statement to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. Ragsdale contacted a Lexington County Deputy Sheriff who was responding to a shoplifting call at Palmetto State Armory. The suspect of the shoplifting was a friend of Ragsdale. However, Ragsdale told the responding deputy that the suspect was Ragsdale’s brother. The shoplifting suspect was not Ragsdale’s brother.
2. Ragsdale has entered into this agreement in lieu of further pursuing his appeal at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

3. Pursuant to S.C. Regulation 37-109 (A)(2)m the just and proper sanction in this case is a denial for a specified amount of time. Ragsdale agrees to a five-and-a-half-year denial of his certification from the date of his separation, which was January 25, 2019.
4. On July 29, 2024, Ragsdale will be eligible for a law enforcement certification as long he meets all other statutory and regulatory requirements to be employed as a law enforcement officer in the State of South Carolina.
5. Ragsdale understands that this Consent Order will become part of his permanent file at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.
6. This agreement is binding on approval by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council.

Joseph Ragsdale  
Printed Name

06-13-2023  
Date

*Joseph Ragsdale*  
Signature

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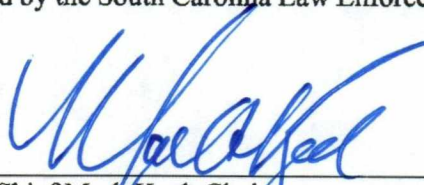
*6/15/2023*  
Date

Sworn to before me this *15* day of *June* 2023

*Vicky Ware Lee*  
Notary Public for South Carolina Signature of Officer  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_



This Consent Order is approved by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council  
on this date.



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Chief Mark Keel, Chairman  
Law Enforcement Training Council  
On Behalf of the Law Enforcement Training Council

May 22, 2023