

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

**BEFORE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In re the Certification of
ROGER MORNINGSTAR
Respondent.

NO. 23-170
STATEMENT OF CHARGES

On or about January 1, 2023, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (Commission), received a complaint alleging that ROGER MORNINGSTAR, a certified peace officer, engaged in unethical conduct while employed with the Quinault Indian Nation Police Department (QPD). The Commission later determined that MORNINGSTAR resigned in lieu of termination from the QPD after engaging in sexual harassment. Additionally, on or around June 2, 2023, MORNINGSTAR resigned in lieu of termination from the Morton Police Department (MPD) after engaging in sexual harassment, knowingly falsifying or omitting material information on an application to an employer, and engaging in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer. Such misconduct subjects MORNINGSTAR'S peace officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(f), RCW 43.101.105(3)(c), RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv), and RCW 43.101.105(3)(k). The circumstances are as follows:

///

///

1 **Count I**

2 Between approximately October 2012 and April 1, 2015, MORNINGSTAR
3 engaged in sexual harassment against subordinate female officers employed at the
4 QPD. After engaging in this misconduct, MORNINGSTAR resigned in lieu of termination
5 from the QPD on or around April 1, 2015. MORNINGSTAR'S peace officer certification
6 is therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(f).

7 AND/OR

8 **Count II**

9 Between approximately January 1, 2016 and June 2, 2023, MORNINGSTAR
10 engaged in sexual harassment against subordinate female officers employed at MPD
11 and/or other female coworkers employed with the City of Morton. After engaging in this
12 misconduct, MORNINGSTAR resigned in lieu of termination from the MPD on or around
13 June 2, 2023. MORNINGSTAR'S peace officer certification is therefore subject to
14 discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(f).

15 AND/OR

16 **Count III**

17 In or around December 2015, MORNINGSTAR knowingly falsified information in
18 his application for employment with MPD by: (1) providing false, incomplete, and/or
19 misleading answers in response to polygraph examination questions, and/or;
20 (2) providing false, incomplete, and/or misleading information during an interview with
21 Rodger Cool, who conducted a background investigation on behalf of MPD, and/or;
22 (3) providing false, incomplete and/or misleading information to Dr. Bill Ekemo, who
23 conducted a psychological examination on behalf MPD. MORNINGSTAR'S peace
24 officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(c).

25 AND/OR

1 **Count IV**

2 Between approximately October 2012 and June 2, 2023, MORNINGSTAR
3 engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace
4 officer when he: (1) failed to appropriately respond to an incident involving an attempted
5 burglary on or around February 22, 2023, and/or; 2) made false and/or misleading
6 statements in reports regarding the February 22, 2023 attempted burglary incident,
7 and/or; 3) made false/and or misleading statements to other MPD officers and officers
8 with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, and/or; 4) made sexually suggestive comments
9 to and engaged in inappropriate physical contact with female citizens, and/or; 5) failed
10 to properly address allegations of sexual harassment involving an MPD officer he
11 supervised, and/or; 6) sexually harassed subordinate female officers and other
12 coworkers, and/or; and 7) made false and/or misleading statements when applying for
13 employment with MPD. MORNINGSTAR'S peace officer certification is therefore
14 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

15 AND/OR

16 **Count V**

17 On or about June 2, 2023, MORNINGSTAR resigned in lieu of termination from
18 his employment with the MPD after engaging in the misconduct alleged in Count II,
19 Count III, and Count IV. MORNINGSTAR'S peace officer certification is therefore
20 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

21
22 DATED this 31 day of July 2023.

23 By:

24 

25 CHAD EVERETT ARCENEUX
26 Assistant Director, Certification
Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission