

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	Case No. SU-2024-008
John Joyce)	(PI-2024-014)
MPTC User ID #9998-1172)	

FINAL DECISION

On February 15, 2024, the Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(4) and 555 CMR 1.06(2), voted to suspend the certification of John Joyce (“Respondent”) after receiving credible information that the Respondent may have engaged in conduct using inappropriate force. See M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(4) (“The [C]ommission may, pending preliminary inquiry pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section 8, suspend the certification of any officer if the [C]ommission determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the suspension is in the best interest of the health, safety or welfare of the public.”).

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(5), “[a] suspension order of the [C]ommission issued pursuant to [Section 9(a)] shall continue in effect until issuance of the final decision of the [C]ommission or until revoked by the [C]ommission.” See also 555 CMR 1.06(3). The Commission has received and reviewed papers related to the Respondent’s suspension of certification at the executive session on April 18, 2024. The Commission decided to terminate the matter without any imposition of discipline. Based on this, the Respondent’s suspension is hereby lifted, and the Respondent shall return to the certification status possessed prior to the suspension imposed on February 15, 2024. Accordingly, the Executive Director shall not publish the Respondent’s name in the list of suspended officers.

This is the **final decision** of the Commission. This concludes all disciplinary matters before the Commission. See M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(5); 555 CMR 1.06(3).

By vote of the Commission on April 18, 2024.

Notice to: John Joyce, Respondent
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 Collective Bargaining Unit
 Bristol County District Attorney’s Office