

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

IN THE MATTER OF )  
MARCARTHUR VOLTUS )

Case No. 2024-016

**DECERTIFICATION ORDER**

The Respondent Marcarthur Voltus has entered into a Voluntary Decertification Agreement (“Agreement”) under which he has agreed to the permanent revocation of his certification (also known as decertification) as a law enforcement officer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, beginning on the date of approval of the Agreement by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (“Commission”), and the entry of his decertification in the National Decertification Index (“NDI”). See M.G.L. c. 6E, §§ 3(a), 10(b)(iii), and 10(g); M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 10 and 13. As further conditions of the Agreement, the Respondent has waived all rights to contest, in this or any other administrative or judicial proceeding to which the Commission is or may be a party, the factual findings, conclusions of law, terms and conditions, and other provisions contained in the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, for the reasons stated in the Agreement:

- (a) The Respondent’s law enforcement certification is hereby permanently revoked;
- (b) The Executive Director shall characterize this action as a “Voluntary Decertification”; and
- (c) The Executive Director shall take the necessary steps to publish the Respondent’s name in the NDI and any publicly available lists and database published by the Commission.

By vote of the Commission on November 21, 2024.

*Margaret R. Hinkle*

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Hon. Margaret R. Hinkle (Ret.), Chair

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**VOLUNTARY DECERTIFICATION AGREEMENT**

In the interest of resolving the above-captioned matter and consistent with the public interest and laws and regulations governing the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (“Commission”), including M.G.L. c. 6E §§ 3(a), 8, and 10, and 555 C.M.R. §§ 1.01–1.10, the Respondent, Marcarthur Voltus, and the Commission hereby enter into this Voluntary Decertification Agreement:

**Factual Allegations**

1. On July 1, 2021, the Respondent was automatically certified as a police officer in Massachusetts pursuant to St. 2020, c. 253, § 102, an Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth. The Respondent remained certified as a law enforcement officer until July 1, 2024, when his certification expired, pursuant to St. 2020, c. 253, § 102(d)(iii).
2. The Respondent was employed as a police officer for the Massachusetts Bay Community College Police Department (“MassBay PD”) from July 2018 until he resigned on or about May 12, 2023.
3. The Respondent was employed as a police officer for the Shutesbury Police Department (“Shutesbury PD”) from May 2023 until he resigned on or about September 23, 2023.
4. The Respondent has not been employed as a police officer for any law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts since he resigned from Shutesbury PD on or about September 23, 2023.
5. On October 5, 2023, the Commission received a complaint alleging that on September 29, 2023, the Respondent made several misrepresentations to a police officer during a motor-vehicle traffic stop in Leicester, MA.

6. On September 29, 2023, the Respondent knowingly operated a motor vehicle which had an expired and non-renewable registration, in violation of Massachusetts motor vehicle laws prohibiting such operation.

7. On September 29, 2023, after being stopped by a police officer from the Leicester Police Department, the Respondent, who had left the MassBay PD four (4) months earlier, displayed his MassBay PD police badge with the intent of obtaining preferential treatment during the stop.

8. During the aforementioned motor vehicle stop, the Respondent falsely represented his employment status when he stated, in substance, that he was in the process of onboarding with another law enforcement agency.

9. During the aforementioned motor vehicle stop, the Respondent, in order to avoid disclosing his employment with the Shutesbury PD, falsely represented that he had recently resigned from the MassBay PD.

10. On November 9, 2023, the Respondent sent the Division an email which included false statements about the aforementioned motor vehicle stop, including claiming that the Leicester police asked about his badge, rather than admitting that he displayed his badge without prompting.

11. On January 16, 2024, during a recorded interview with the Division, the Respondent made false statements about the aforementioned motor vehicle stop, including that he did not intentionally display his badge and, instead, that the Leicester police grabbed his wallet to look at the badge when they saw it.

### **Conclusions of Law**

12. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E § 3(a):

The [C]ommission shall have all powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate its purposes, including, but not limited to, the power to:

(1) act as the primary civil enforcement agency for violations of [chapter 6E]; . . .

(4) deny an application or limit, condition, restrict, revoke or suspend a certification, or fine a person certified for any cause that the commission deems reasonable; . . .

(23) restrict, suspend or revoke certifications issued under [chapter 6E];

(24) conduct adjudicatory proceedings in accordance with chapter 30A; . . . .

13. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(b)(iii), “[t]he [C]ommission may [...] suspend or revoke an officer’s certification if the [C]ommission finds by clear and convincing evidence that the officer [...] has a pattern of unprofessional police conduct that [the] [C]ommission believes may escalate.”

14. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E § 10(h), the Commission may institute a disciplinary hearing after an officer's appointing agency has issued a final disposition the alleged misconduct or one year has elapsed since the allegations were reported to the commission, whichever is sooner.

15. "Unless otherwise provided by law, agencies may . . . make informal disposition of any adjudicatory proceeding by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order or default." M.G.L. c. 30A § 10.

16. The Respondent's alleged conduct described above paragraphs 6 through 11 above constitutes a pattern of police misconduct that may escalate, and if proven by clear and convincing evidence, would justify discipline against the Respondent pursuant to § 10(b)(iii).

### **Resolution**

In view of the foregoing alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(b)(iii), the Commission has determined that the public interest would best be served by the disposition of this matter without further enforcement proceedings, on the basis of the following terms and conditions which have been agreed to by the Respondent:

17. The Respondent agrees that, if this matter were to proceed to an adjudicatory hearing, the allegations described in paragraphs 6 through 11 above, if proven by clear and convincing evidence, would permit the Commission to impose significant discipline, up to and including his decertification as a law enforcement officer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

18. The Respondent agrees to the permanent revocation of his law enforcement officer certification in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E §§ 3(a) and 10(b)(iii).

19. The Respondent waives all rights to contest the allegations described in paragraphs 6 through 11 above in any administrative or judicial forum to which the Commission is or may be a party.

20. The Respondent waives all rights to contest the factual findings, conclusions of law, terms and conditions, or other provisions contained in this agreement in any administrative or judicial forum to which the Commission is or may be a party.


21. The Respondent acknowledges that, once this Agreement and any Order of Decertification issued by the Commission are executed, they will be public documents and will be published on the Commission's website pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(g). Furthermore, the

status of the Respondent's certification will be publicly available on certain lists and databases published by the Commission.

22. The Respondent understands and acknowledges that, as required under M.G.L. c. 6E § 10(g), the Commission will submit all public revocation information, including a copy of this agreement and any Order of Decertification, for inclusion in the National Decertification Index.

23. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date it is approved by the Commission.

11/21/2024  
Date  
11/21/2024  
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Respondent  
Margaret R. Hinkle  
Margaret R. Hinkle, Chair