

# ETHICS BULLETIN

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## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS—PRIVATE SECURITY

To increase the public's trust, the Oregon legislature has mandated the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training establish minimum standards for all private security providers in the state. The minimum standards for this program are defined in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 259, Division 60. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (Department) is responsible for certifying and licensing private security professionals, instructors and managers who meet all of the Board-established standards, and for denying or revoking the certification or licensure of those who do not meet or fall below the standards.

The Professional Standards Ethics Bulletin has been developed as an educational tool aimed at providing insight and transparency into situations involving applicants for certification or licensure and current providers who may have violated the minimum standards. This publication is meant to provide insight into the types of behaviors that resulted in revocation, denial, suspension or civil penalty of private security certification and licensure over the last two months. The bulletin details the conduct and the resulting Department action. The names of the individuals in this bulletin have been omitted to ensure focus remains on the behavior. This is a sampling of cases and not meant to describe all past actions taken by the Department over the last two months.

Questions about these incidents or about the Department processes and procedures can be directed to Private Security (503) 378-8531 or [dpsst.security@state.or.us](mailto:dpsst.security@state.or.us).

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### UPCOMING BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board and Public Safety Memorial Fund Board    October 27, 2022

Private Security/Investigators Policy Committee    November 15, 2022

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**OCTOBER 2022 STATISTICS****Currently Certified and Licensed Private Security Providers in Oregon: 20,405****Professionals****Alarm Monitor Professionals 1,769****Armed/Unarmed Professionals 2,121****Unarmed Professionals 13,743****Event & Entertainment Professionals 372****Managers****Executive Managers 912****Supervisory Managers 1,015****Instructors****Unarmed Instructors 346****Alarm Monitor Instructors 71****Firearms Instructors 56****Professional Standards Cases Opened: 623****Professional Standards Cases Closed: 303****TO VIEW PRIOR ETHICS BULLETINS VISIT****[HTTPS://WWW.OREGON.GOV/DPSST/PS/PAGES/ETHICS-BULLETINS.ASPX](https://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/ps/pages/ethics-bulletins.aspx)**

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THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **DENIAL** OF CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES BY DPSST **MARCH 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 2022**

ALL APPLICANTS WERE SERVED WITH A NOTICE OF PROPOSED DENIAL BASED ON DISCRETIONARY AND/OR DISQUALIFYING CONDUCT PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT MITIGATING INFORMATION

- APPLICANTS 1–17 FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE AND THEY WERE DISQUALIFIED/DENIED.
- APPLICANTS 18-25 WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATION AND THE CASE WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED.

**Discretionary disqualifying conduct is based on dishonesty or deceit, sexual misconduct, drug related misconduct, destruction of property or violence, abuse or neglect against a person or animal, a drug offense/drug related misconduct or the illegal use or possession of a weapon, where the conduct occurred within the four years prior to certification or while certified.**

**Applicant 1, an Unarmed Professional**, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of shoplifting in another jurisdiction. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application for certification.

**Applicant 2, an Unarmed Professional**, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit and property damage). Applicant was convicted in three separate incidents for Malicious Mischief, Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and Theft. The applicant also had prior malicious mischief and theft charges as a juvenile, all conduct was within the four years prior to submission of application.

**Applicant 3, an Unarmed Professional**, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was charged with assaulting a law enforcement officer after the applicant grabbed the officer's baton and aggressively shoved it back at the officer. The applicant then grabbed the officer's tactical vest and shoved the officer backwards. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application for certification.

**Applicant 4, an Unarmed Professional**, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant attempted to impersonate a law enforcement officer, stating that they had the authority to make an arrest while displaying a badge and handcuffs to the victim. The applicant later lied to the investigating officer about this conduct. The applicant did not disclose this conduct or the arrest for Criminal Impersonation of a Peace Officer on the application submitted to the Department.

**Applicant 5, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant pled guilty to shoplifting (Theft in the Third Degree) within the four years prior to application for certification

**Applicant 6, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant assaulted two family members by shoving, pushing, and throwing one of them to the ground. The applicant later pled guilty to domestic assault in another jurisdiction. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 7, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was arrested, charged, and pled guilty to shoplifting. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 8, an Armed/Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was the subject of DPSST professional standards revocation involving their law enforcement and corrections certifications. The Board revoked both of these certifications for a lifetime period. The applicant was found to have lied during an investigation. The conduct occurred within the ten years prior to application for private security certification.

**Applicant 9, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant assaulted three people over a period of several days while the application for certification was in process.

**Applicant 10, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant pled guilty to Menacing constituting domestic violence. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 11, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person and dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was involved in a physical dispute and was dishonest with law enforcement during the investigation in two separate incidents. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 12, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant hit his wife (unprovoked while intoxicated) causing her tooth to chip, he then followed her and hit her again. The applicant pled guilty to Harassment. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 13, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant physically assaulted his girlfriend and later pled no contest to disorderly conduct. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 14, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was charged with Assault in the Second Degree relating to domestic abuse. The applicant was uncooperative during the arrest and used racial slurs towards the arresting officer. The applicant later pled guilty to reckless endangering. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 15, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant assaulted another person without provocation. The conduct resulted in a conviction for Assault in the Fourth. The conduct occurred within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 16, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant pled guilty to shoplifting within the four years prior to application.

**Applicant 17, an unarmed professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence or abuse against a person). The applicant was arrested for Harassment after submission of the application for certification. The applicant admitted to officers that they had engaged in offensive physical contact with their girlfriend.

**Applicant 18, an Alarm Monitor Instructor Provider, Unarmed Instructor Provider and Supervisory Manager applicant,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant, while previously certified as an instructor, falsified documents submitted to the Department for purposes of certification. The applicant previously surrendered their certifications. Ten years had not passed since the conduct occurred and the Department initiated a denial of the new applications for certification. The applicant withdrew the applications.

**Applicant 19, an Unarmed Professional,** was a convicted felon where four years had not passed since completion of their court ordered obligations. The application was withdrawn.

**Applicant 20, an Armed Professional,** did not meet the minimum standards for armed certification. The applicant was prohibited from purchasing a firearm pursuant to Federal law. The application was withdrawn.

**Applicant 21, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit and damage to property). The applicant was convicted of multiple thefts which also involved property damage within the four years prior to application. The application was withdrawn.

**Applicant 22, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant was convicted of Attempted Theft in the First Degree. The applicant purchased an item from an Amazon seller, initiated a return, then substituted an inexpensive item for the return. The applicant then placed the original item for sale online. The applicant had two prior theft convictions which were past the four year look back period for unarmed certification. The application was withdrawn.

**Applicant 23, an Unarmed Professional,** was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence of abuse against a person). The applicant assaulted another person with a baseball bat and was later convicted of Assault. The conduct occurred while previously certified and within the four years prior to renewal of certification. The application was withdrawn.

**Applicant 24, an Unarmed Professional**, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (dishonesty or deceit). The applicant used another person's identity which had been stolen to try to evade arrest. The application was withdrawn.

**Applicant 25, an Unarmed Professional**, was found to have engaged in discretionary disqualifying conduct (violence of abuse against a person and dishonesty and deceit). The applicant was arrested for punching their mother in the face and later trying to evade arrest by using false identification. The application was withdrawn.

THE FOLLOWING CASES HAVE RESULTED IN **REVOCATION** OF CERTIFICATIONS AND  
LICENSES BY DPSST **MARCH 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 2022**

ALL PROVIDERS WERE SERVED WITH A NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVOCATION BASED ON DISCRETIONARY AND/OR DISQUALIFYING CONDUCT WHILE CERTIFIED AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT MITIGATING INFORMATION.

- PROVIDERS A - F FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE AND THEY WERE DISQUALIFIED/REVOKED.

**Provider A, an Armed Professional**, no longer met the minimum standards for armed certification. The applicant was prohibited from purchasing a firearm pursuant to Federal law after the court issued a permanent stalking order.

**Provider B, an Unarmed Professional**, engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (dishonesty or deceit) while certified. The provider falsified a federal application for a firearms purchase, stating that they had no domestic violence convictions. Formal charges were issued for providing false information in connection with a firearm transfer.

**Provider C, an Armed/Unarmed Professional,** engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (dishonesty or deceit) while certified. The applicant stole items from a client while performing private security duties. No charges were filed.

**Provider D, an Unarmed Professional,** engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (violence or abuse against a person) while certified. The applicant was convicted of menacing and interfering with making a report while certified.

**Provider E, an Unarmed Professional,** engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (property damage) while certified. The provider was charged with Residential Burglary, Malicious Mischief and Harassment and was later convicted of Malicious Mischief in the Third Degree and Criminal Trespass in the First Degree in another jurisdiction. The provider broke through a screened window after attempts to silence loud neighbors had failed. The provider was pepper sprayed by the homeowner.

**Provider F, an Unarmed Professional,** engaged in discretionary disqualifying misconduct (violence or abuse against a person) while certified. The provider was convicted of Attempt to Commit a Class C/Unclassified Felony (Assault in the Third Degree) a misdemeanor offense. The provider assisted in an assault involving a deadly weapon against another person.



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*Our mission is to promote excellence in public safety by delivering quality training and developing and upholding professional standards for police, fire, corrections, parole and probation, and telecommunications personnel, in addition to certifying and licensing private security providers and licensing private investigators in Oregon.*

*DPSST also regulates and licenses polygraph examiners, determines sheriff candidates' eligibility to run for office and provides staffing for the Public Safety Memorial Fund. We strive to provide resources and certification programs that public safety officers and local public safety organizations need to maintain the highest professional skill standards, stewardship and service to Oregon's communities and citizens. These services are based at our 236-acre academy and extend across the state through a network of regional training coordinators.*

*Agency functions are guided by several Oregon Revised Statutes and our authority is defined specifically in Chapter No. 259 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. We are governed by a 24-member Board and five discipline-specific policy committees; we serve more than 41,000 public safety constituents across the state.*

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