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

IN THE MATTER OF **KLEVIS NAKO** 

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Case No. 2024-013

#### **DECERTIFICATION ORDER**

The Respondent Klevis Nako has entered into a 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(a)(i), 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, as well as any Order of the Commission contemplated by the Agreement.

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

- The factual findings and conclusions of law set forth in the Agreement are hereby (a) adopted;
- The Respondent's law enforcement certification is hereby permanently revoked; (b) 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 March 20, 2025.

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

Notice: Klevis Nako, Respondent Timothy D. Hartnett, Esq., Commission Enforcement Counsel Division of Police Standards Shaun Martinez, Esq., Deputy Director, Division of Police Standards Shirley Police Department, Law Enforcement Agency Framingham State University Police Department, Law Enforcement Agency Collective Bargaining Unit

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## 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, Klevis Nako, and the Commission hereby enter into this Decertification Agreement:

#### Factual Findings

1. On or about April 27, 2023, the Respondent was certified as a law enforcement officer by the Commission.

2. The Respondent was employed as a police officer by the Shirley Police Department from approximately April 27, 2023, until January 1, 2024.

3. The Respondent was employed as a police officer by the Framingham State University Police Department from approximately January 1, 2024, to April 12, 2024.

4. On April 1, 2024, the Respondent was charged in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut ("Court") with one count of Trafficking in and Conspiring to Traffic in Counterfeit Goods and Services in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2320.

5. On August 21, 2024, the Respondent pled guilty to one count of Trafficking in and Conspiring to Traffic in Counterfeit Goods and Services. *See United States v. Klevis Nako*, Dkt. No. 3:24-mj-00294-RAR (U.S. D. Conn., January 21, 2025).

6. On January 21, 2025, the Court entered final judgment, adjudicating the Respondent guilty and sentencing him to 2 months of imprisonment followed by 18 months of supervised release. *Id.* 

7. On April 18, 2024, the Commission, pursuant to 555 C.M.R. §§ 1.02(2) and (4), authorized the Division to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the allegation that the Respondent had, as of that date, pending felony criminal charges. On January 28, 2025, the Division submitted its report of preliminary inquiry to the Commission. Subsequently, on February 13, 2025, the Commission voted to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the Respondent.

## **Conclusions of Law**

8. 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; ....

9. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 1, a "conviction" includes "an adjudication of a criminal matter resulting in any outcome except wherein the matter is dismissed or the accused is found to be not guilty, including, but not limited, to an adjudication of guilt with or without the imposition of a sentence [and/or] a plea of guilty."

10. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(a)(i), "[t]he [C]ommission shall, after a hearing, revoke an officer's certification if the [C]ommission finds by clear and convincing evidence that ... the officer is convicted of a felony."

11. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(g), "[t]he [C]ommission shall publish any revocation order and findings. The [C]ommission shall provide all revocation information to the national decertification index. No officer may apply for certification after that officer's certification has been revoked pursuant to this section."

12. "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.

13. The offense of Trafficking in and Conspiring to Traffic in Counterfeit Goods and Services, for which the Respondent was convicted as described above, is a felony under Federal law. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 2320 and 3559.

14. The Respondent's conviction constitutes a "resolution" of the criminal charges against him pursuant to M.G.L. c.  $6E \S 10(h)$  and 555 CMR 1.10(2)(c).

## **Resolution**

In view of the foregoing alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(a)(i), 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:

15. The Respondent hereby 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(a)(i).

16. The Respondent waives all rights to contest the factual findings, conclusions of law, terms and conditions, or other provisions contained in this Agreement, as well as any Order of the Commission contemplated by this Agreement, in any administrative or judicial forum to which the Commission is or may be a party.

17. The Respondent acknowledges that, once this Agreement is executed, the Commission will issue an Order of Decertification adopting all of the factual findings and conclusions of law set forth in this Agreement. Both this Agreement and the Order of Decertification 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.

18. The Respondent understands and acknowledges that, as required under M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(g), the Commission will submit all revocation information, including a copy of this Agreement and any Order of Decertification, for inclusion in the National Decertification Index (NDI). The Commission shall report that the Respondent's certification has been revoked for cause, on the basis of the aforementioned felony conviction(s).

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

2-25-2025

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KLEVIS NAKO Respondent

3/20/2025

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Margaret R. Hinkle, Chair

Date