



## POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

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### ADMINISTRATIVE DECERTIFICATION

**Date of Administrative Decertification:** January 9, 2024

**Name:** Matthew Dufour

#### Summary

On June 22, 2023, The Delaware Police Officers Standards and Training Commission (POST) received notification that Mr. Dufour had “retired or resigned prior to entry of findings of fact concerning an alleged breach of internal discipline for which the employee could have been legitimately discharged had the individual not retired from or resigned that employee’s position prior to the imposition of discipline by the employing agency”, which served as grounds for de-certification under 11 Del. C. § 8404(a)(4)e.2.

A subsequent investigation indicated that Mr. Dufour had deliberately mishandled drug evidence while he was employed with the Millsboro Police Department. Mr. Dufour was charged by The Department of Justice on May 24, 2023 with two counts of tampering with public records in the First Degree (class E felony), one count of forgery in the second degree (class G felony), two counts of offering a false instrument for filing (class A misdemeanor), four counts of obtaining controlled substances by theft (class F felony), and one count of official misconduct (class A misdemeanor).

Pursuant to 11 Del. C. § 8404A, Mr. Dufour had the right to a hearing before a board composed of three Commission members (a 'Hearing Board') appointed by the Commission Chairman. POST notified Mr. Dufour of his right to exercise this option; however, no response was received. At the quarterly POST Commission meeting held on January 9, 2024, the Commission reviewed the facts of the case and voted to decertify Mr. Dufour, as a police officer in the State of Delaware. As of that date, he is no longer authorized to exercise any police powers in the State of Delaware or be employed by any Delaware law enforcement agency in a police capacity.