

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SHERIFFS' STANDARDS DIVISION

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Memorandum

TO:

Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM:

Sheriff Alan Norman

Chair, Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission

DATE:

February 3, 2025

RE:

Requirement to Report Giglio Material

Session Law 2021-138, Part IV, titled "Report Requirement Related to Giglio Material," § 17E-16(f) states, "No later than March 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety regarding the number of individuals for whom the Division received a report required by subsection (a) of this section during the previous calendar year. The Report shall include information for each case on whether a final agency decision has been entered pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes and what action, if any, has been taken against each certification. The report shall not include the name or any other identifying information of any person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."

Accordingly, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission is reporting the following:

- 1. The number of individuals for whom the Division received a report required by subsection 17E-16(a), in 2024: Two (2) notifications
- 2. Final Agency Decisions entered pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes: Zero (0) Final Agency Decisions were entered
- 3. Actions taken, if any, against each of the certifications:

Of the two (2) notifications received in 2024:

- a. One (1) officer had his/her certification revoked by the Commission after the officer failed to appeal the Commission's Probable Cause Committee determination of probable cause for the commission of a Class B Misdemeanor and lack of good moral character.
- b. One (1) officer is no longer employed and is under review by the Commission.

For Cases reported to the Division prior to 2024 but resolved in 2024:

- a. One (1) individual had his/her Giglio notification rescinded by the District Attorney who issued the notification.
- b. One (1) individual had his/her certification revoked. There was no Final Agency Decision because the individual failed to appeal the Commission's Probable Cause Committee finding of probable cause to revoke for lack of good moral character.
- c. One (1) individual had his/her justice officer certification expire prior to the Commission reviewing his/her certification.

The Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission reviews notifications reported pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §17E-16 to determine if there has been a violation of the Commission's rules, the most common being a violation of the rule that requires all justice officers to have good moral character.

The good moral character standard for certification is more difficult to prove and has different elements than the standard for issuing notifications under N.C. Gen. Stat. 17E-16. As a result, some justice officers who received notification letters pursuant to the statute were found not to be in violation of the Commission's rules; therefore, no sanctions were imposed by the Commission.

Please contact the Commission if you have any questions.