



Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Decertification Attestation Letter

(Must be Submitted by Agency Head)

Per Nebraska Revised Statute §81-1414.19 (1) and (2), the following letter must be completed, signed, and returned to the Commission for every officer who has, on or after **January 1, 2021**: 1) Voluntarily surrendered their certifications or had their certifications revoked 2) Been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or a Class I misdemeanor; or 3) Upon adjudication by PSAC, been found to have engaged in serious misconduct.

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Officer Name:** Thomas Ruvalcaba

**Rank:** Deputy


**Agency:** Merrick County Sheriff's Office

**Summarize the officer's conduct.**

A report from Merrick County detailed over 100 time keeping entries made by Ruvalcaba over his employment period that were determined to be unauthorized. Also included in this report were incidents of dishonesty when speaking to supervisory staff about the investigation.

**Describe any discipline imposed.**

As the agency's chief of police, sheriff, or head administrator, I affirm the truth and accuracy of the matters stated above.

  
Signature

01-26-2026  
Date

**Name:** John Westman

**Title:** Sheriff

### FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY

**Revocation Type**



Surrendered



Contested



Administrative

**Certification(s) Revoked**



Law Enforcement Officer



Supervisor



Management



Other, Specify:

**Action Approvals**

PSAC Approved

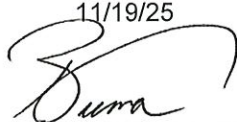
Commission Approved

Revocation Date

11/19/25

1/23/26

1/23/26



**For the Commission:**

Signature – Executive Director  
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