



PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL Investigations Division

		Officer Status:	POST Review Required
Case Number:	005-560-12-20	Officer Name:	Cribb, Jr.- Billy Joe
Is the Officer on POST Probation?	☐ YES ☒ NO	Officer Certification:	Basic Law Enforcement
If Yes, Case Number:		Is the Probation History Included?	☐ YES ☐ NO
Is there a companion case?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
If Yes, Case Number(s):			
Did Parent Agency Complete Internal Investigation?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
Was there a Criminal Investigation?	☒ YES ☐ NO		
If Yes, agency responsible for criminal case:	Valdosta Police Department		
Is criminal case included?	☒ YES ☐ NO		
Is criminal case concluded?	☒ YES ☐ NO		
Is Officer Currently Employed?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
If Yes, Current Agency:			
Did Officer submit a response to POST?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
If arrested: Did Officer self-report?	☒ YES ☐ NO		
Polygraph/Voice Stress Administered?	☐ YES ☐ NO		
Results of Polygraph/Voice Stress:	Please select:		
Is a juvenile involved?	☐ YES ☒ NO		

Executive Summary

Officer Cribb was terminated by the Valdosta Police Department on 12/09/2020. Officer Cribb had been served with a twelve month Temporary Protective Order that had been issued by the Lanier County Superior Court on 12/07/2020. Part of the order prohibited Officer Cribb from possessing a firearm during the duration of this order, therefore he could not fulfill his duties as a police officer.

Officer Cribb notified POST that he had been arrested by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office and charged with Aggravated Stalking. Officer Cribb had violated the terms of the TPO on 03/16/2021, when he went to the petitioner's place of employment.

Court documents indicated that Officer Cribb pleaded guilty to Violating Family Violence Order (M), on 08/08/2022. Officer Cribb was sentenced under the First Offender's Act. He received twelve months' probation, ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, and ordered to complete forty hours of community service.



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On 12/10/2020, POST received notification that Officer Billy J. Cribb, Jr. had been terminated by the Valdosta Police Department. Officer Cribb had been served with a twelve-month Temporary Protective Order that prohibited him from possessing a firearm. Therefore, he could not fulfill his duties as a police officer.

On 04/12/2021, Officer Cribb reported that he had been arrested by the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office and charged with Aggravated Stalking. Officer Cribb had violated the terms of the TPO when he went to the petitioner's place of employment on 03/16/2021.

On 10/24/2020, Tiffany Kuhlmann reported to Lanier County Deputy Adam Cope that someone had cut the internet wire leading into her home. She told the deputy that the only person she could suspect of doing this was her ex-boyfriend, Officer Cribb. Ms. Kuhlmann said that she and Officer Cribb were in a relationship that had ended a month earlier due to domestic violence.

There was not enough evidence to pursue criminal charges against Officer Cribb.

On 12/07/2020, Ms. Kuhlmann filed for a Temporary Protective Order against Officer Cribb. The TPO was issued by the Lanier County Superior Court and was to remain in place for twelve months. The order was granted ex-parte because Officer Cribb did not show up for the hearing. Documents indicated that Officer Cribb had received notice of the hearing.

On 03/16/2021, Ms. Kuhlmann reported to Valdosta Police Officer John Wicker that Officer Cribb had come to her place of employment. Ms. Kuhlmann showed Officer Wicker a copy of the TPO. Officer Wicker talked to Areona Reynolds and Melinda Easler who confirmed that Officer Cribb had been there earlier that day. Officer Cribb was not there when the officer arrived.

Officer Wicker talked to Officer Cribb over the telephone. Officer Cribb admitted that he had gone to Ms. Kuhlmann's place of employment. He told Officer Wicker that he had went there to apply for a job. Officer Wicker asked Officer Cribb if he knew that Ms. Kuhlmann worked there, and stated that he did. He said that Ms. Kuhlmann worked off site and did not work at the main office. Officer Wicker asked Officer Cribb if he was aware of the TPO, and he confirmed that he knew about it.

Ms. Kuhlmann told Officer Wicker that Officer Cribb had told her employer that she had an active case against her for Battery/Family Violence. Ms. Kuhlmann said that her employer suspended her until her case was resolved. She also said that she believed that Officer Cribb's actions were malicious.

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Officer Wicker secured warrants against Officer Cribb charging him with Aggravated Stalking (F). Officer Cribb turned himself in to the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office on 03/18/2021.

Court documents indicated that Officer Cribb pleaded guilty to Violating Family Violence Order (M), on 08/08/2021. He was sentenced under the First Offender's Act. He was placed on twelve months' probation, ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00, and ordered to complete forty hours of community service.

On 01/26/2023, POST Investigator Dowdy called Officer Cribb. Officer Cribb did not wish to submit a written response. He did say that he had made a mistake and that he had pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge. He also said that he is currently on probation.

A copy of the police reports from the Lanier County Sheriff's Office and the Valdosta Police Department were placed in the POST file. A copy of the TPO and the disposition were placed in the POST file. A DVD containing Officer Wicker's body camera video is also in the POST file.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

None other than noted above.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

None other than noted above.

VIOLATION

It is hereby asserted this individual is in violation of the following sections of O.C.G.A. 35-8-7.1 (a)(7),(8),(11) as attached:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 35-8-7.1 (b) (1), the Probable Cause Committee makes the following recommendations to the Council:

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Chairman, Probable Cause Committee
Date:

Chairman, P.O.S.T. Council
Date:

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