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Subject: FW: letter to Executive Director

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Subject: RE: letter to Executive Director

Mike,

Once again thank you for emailing me back promptly. I wanted to talk to you and ask you for your opinion before I write to the executive director again. I understand rules are rules. If POST allows me to take the requalification course again, they would have to let many others take it again also. I have one letter dated from 2008 from Chief Basic Training Bureau Frank G Decker. The letter congratulates me for successfully completing the Basic waiver process on December 19, 2008. That this waiver is valid for three years from this date, and that I have three years to be appointed as peace officer in California. I just found out from the director's two letter that it was valid till December 19, 2014, not three years from December 19, 2008. In the spring 2014 I interviewed for department of ABC and informed them I had an expired POST certificate based on the letter I received from POST and from a phone call I made to POST inquiring about my certificate. In June 2014 the department of ABC emailed POST Regional Training Consultant Karen Lozito and informed her of my police background and POST waiver in 2008. Then asked her if I would have to attend a RBC or a requalification course again. The department was told that I would have to attend a RBC again. They were not informed that if I was hired before December 19, 2014 that I did not have to go to the academy because of the waiver process I completed. I was never able to use my 6 year exception because I always thought it was three years for me. I received a job offer from ABC January 2015, just a few weeks after my waiver expired. If the department knew about my active waiver, I'm sure they would of hired me a few weeks earlier, in order to get hired before my waiver expired. Since I was dismissed from the academy, I lost my position with the department. The department filled that position with another agent. I found recently that the new agent is no longer working with ABC. I wanted to know based on the fact that the department and I did not know I had a valid waiver till December 19, 2014, because of the information we received on two separate occasions by two different individuals, can POST grant me permission to try to seek employment with ONLY ABC once again. When I was let go by them, they said if I have a valid certificate they would hire me again. If the department knew I had a valid waiver in December 2014, I am confident they would of hired me before the expiration date and went straight to their field training program instead of the academy. Now I have 600 training hours that will make me a better agent that I would of been in December. If either the ABC department or myself had received the correct information then I wouldn't be in the situation that I am in. I would just hate the fact that I've fallen through the cracks because of miscommunication or by a month difference.

Thank you for your time

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