



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Gerald Antinoro**, Sheriff,
Storey County, State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint No. **18-031C**

Subject. /

PANEL DETERMINATION¹
NRS 281A.725

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint No. 18-031C ("Complaint") regarding the alleged conduct of Gerald Antinoro ("Antinoro"), Storey County Sheriff, State of Nevada, in violation of the Ethics in Government Law set forth in NRS Chapter 281A ("Ethics Law"). The Commission issued its *Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation* on July 16, 2018, which Order instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(2) and (7) regarding Antinoro's use of the Storey County Sheriff's Office uniform and badge during his campaign for re-election.

Antinoro is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to the Subject's conduct as a public officer and has associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On February 20, 2019, a Review Panel ("Panel") consisting of Chair Cheryl A. Lau, Esq. (Presiding Officer) and Commissioners Brian Duffrin and Teresa Lowry, Esq., reviewed the following: 1) Ethics Complaint No. 18-031C; 2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; 3) Subject's Response to the Complaint; and 4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel.²

Under NAC 281A.430, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts establish credible evidence to support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(2) and (7).

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¹ Except as provided by law, a Panel Determination shall not be cited as precedent.

² All materials provided to the Panel, except the Complaint and the *Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation*, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.750.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Review Panel refers Request for Opinion No. 18-031C to the Commission to render an opinion in the matter in furtherance of this just and sufficient cause determination.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2019.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Cheryl A. Lau
Cheryl A. Lau, Esq.
Chair/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Teresa Lowry
Teresa Lowry, Esq.
Commissioner

By: /s/ Brian Duffrin
Brian Duffrin
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PANEL DETERMINATION** via U.S. Certified Mail and electronic mail as follows:

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