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Deputy Nathan Coates

On April 21, 2021 you were involved in a crash with a commercial motor vehicle on US 181 and Baker Rd in Bee County Texas. You were taken to the hospital and subsequently release back home.

As a result of the crash investigation you were issued two citations. One for disregarding a stop sign and two for fail to maintain financial responsibility. Of the two citations, fail to maintain financial responsibility (no insurance) is of concern. As a deputy sheriff you are sworn to enforce the laws of this state. Financial responsibility is a requirement for all vehicles on the roadway. This creates a bad image for this office when the public knows that you were driving without insurance.

You were transported to Christus Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi Texas. During your treatment at the hospital a blood sample was taken. The Texas Department of Public Safety issued a subpoena for the results of a toxicology test performed by the hospital. The results revealed that you were above the legal limit of .08 blood alcohol content in your system at the time.

Based on the results of the toxicology report a warrant has been issued for your arrest; the charge of Driving While Intoxicated. The charge also means that your driver license will be suspended for a period of time and you will be unable to perform the duties of a Deputy Sheriff.

Your conduct that day has placed this office in a situation that I have zero tolerance for. San Patricio County Sheriff's policy states that Deputies shall at all times will conduct themselves in a way which reflects favorably upon this office. Unbecoming conduct is prohibited.

In light of the concerns listed above I have determined that the San Patricio County Sheriff's Office is no longer in need of your services, and your employment with this office is hereby terminated, effective this day, May 19, 2021.

Sheriff Oscar Rivera