

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,**  
Complainant,

v.

**STEVEN ALVIN VANN,**  
Respondent.

**DOCKET NO: 2024-0499  
MISLE ACTIVITY ID. 7870989**

**HONORABLE GEORGE J. JORDAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

**ADMISSION ORDER**

On November 21, 2024, The United States Coast Guard Suspension and Revocation National Center of Expertise (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Steven Alvin Vann (Respondent) alleging he is a security risk under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(5) and is the subject of an official finding of sexual assault pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 7704a(b). On November 26, 2024, Respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint admitting all jurisdictional and factual allegations. Therefore, according to 33 C.F.R. § 20.308 I find the following factual allegations **ADMITTED**:

**I. Security Risk**

1. On December 19, 2023, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) determined Respondent does not meet the security threat assessment standards described in 49 C.F.R. § 1572.5, poses an imminent security threat, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1572.21(d)(3), and revoked Respondent's Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1572.5(b).
2. Respondent is a security risk, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(5).
3. In aggravation: Respondent's ineligibility to hold a TWIC is proof Respondent is not eligible for an MMC, in accordance with 46 C.F.R. §§ 10.101 and 10.235(h).

**II. Sexual Assault**

1. On September 18, 2024, Respondent was convicted of violating Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) § 163.425, Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a felony, by the Circuit Court of Lane County Oregon.
2. ORS § 163.425 is substantially similar to 18 U.S.C. 2243(a), Sexual Abuse of a Minor or Ward.

3. Respondent's convictions of violation ORS § 163.425 is Sexual Assault, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7704a(b), and defined by 46 U.S.C. § 2101(45).
4. Respondent is the subject of an official finding of sexual assault, as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 7704a(c)(1)(A).
5. The Official Finding, as defined in 46 U.S.C. § 7704a(c)(1)(A) is conclusive in Suspension and Revocation proceedings, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. § 7704a(c)(2)(B).
6. In aggravation: Respondent is a registered sex offender.

Based on the foregoing admitted allegations the Coast Guard carried its burden and **PROVED** all allegations in the Complaint. 33 C.F.R. § 20.702(a).<sup>1</sup>

### **SANCTION**

Having found all allegations admitted, I now must determine the appropriate sanction. 33 C.F.R. § 20.902(a). While it is within the sole discretion of the ALJ to determine the appropriate sanction at the conclusion of a case. Appeal Decision 2362 (ARNOLD) (1984). A proved allegation of a respondent being the subject of an official finding of sexual assault mandates a sanction of revocation. 46 U.S.C. § 7704a(b). On the other hand, a proved allegation of Respondent's risk to security results in either a sanction of suspension or revocation. 46 U.S.C. § 7703. Since, one of the proved violations carries with it a mandatory sanction of revocation and no other multiplicitous sanction can change this. No analysis is needed of the requisite sanction for Respondent's proved violation of 46 U.S.C. § 7703(5). Thus, I find the admitted allegations in the Complaint require the sanction of **REVOCATION**.

### **WHEREFORE**

### **ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that Respondent's violations of 46 U.S.C. §§ 7703(5), 7704a(b) are **PROVED BY ANSWER**.

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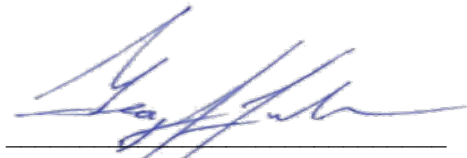
<sup>1</sup> While the victim's ages in ORS § 163.425 do not exactly match those in Sexual Abuse of a Minor or Ward in 18 U.S.C. § 2243(a). Respondent's conviction of ORS § 163.425 would still warrant revocation as statutory rape constituting misconduct under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B), 46 C.F.R. § 5.27, and Appeal Decision 2426 (FUTCHER) (1986). Appeal Decision 2599 (GUEST) (1998) (holding an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) may make findings of suspension or revocation without regard to the framing of the specifications in the Complaint).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (000694344) is **REVOKED**, commencing on the date it is deposited with the Coast Guard. Respondent shall immediately deliver all Coast Guard issued credentials, licenses, certificates, or documents, including the MMC, by mail, courier service, or in person to: Eric Bauer, Investigating Officer, Suspension and Revocation National Center of Expertise, 100 Forbes Drive, Martinsburg WV 25404-0001. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2197, if Respondent knowingly continues to use the Coast Guard issued MMC, Respondent may be subject to criminal prosecution.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, service of this Decision on the parties and/or parties' representative(s) serves as notice of appeal rights set forth in 33 C.F.R. §§ 20.1001 – 20.1004. (Attachment A).

**SO ORDERED.**

Done and dated, February 7, 2025,  
Seattle, Washington

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Jordan", is written over a horizontal line.

GEORGE J. JORDAN  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE