

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**SUFFOLK, ss.**

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***IN RE:***

**BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DRUG TESTING APPEALS  
("D" CASES)**

**CASE NOS: D-01-1409 (Thompson)  
D-02-656 (Beckers)  
D-02-657 (Jones)  
D-03-116 (McGowan)  
D-03-212 (Bridgeman)  
D-03-213 (Harris)  
D-03-214 (Washington)  
D-03-362 (Bridgeforth)  
D-04-52 (Downing)  
D1-07-107 (Guity)**

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**DECISION**

Ten Appellants<sup>1</sup> brought these appeals to the Civil Service Commission (Commission), pursuant to G.L.c.31, §§41-43, to seek reinstatement following decisions of the Boston Police Department (BPD) discharging each of them from employment as tenured BPD police officers after they tested positive for the presence of cocaine in hair samples collected from them. The Appellants claim that the hair tests relied upon by the

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<sup>1</sup> Preston Thompson, Richard Beckers, Ronnie Jones, Jacqueline McGowan, Oscar Bridgeman, Shawn Harris, Walter Washington, William Bridgeforth, George Downing & Rudy Guity.