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**BEFORE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In re the Certification of

NO. 20-777

DAHMAR WARTTS-SMILES

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

On or around February 3, 2020, DAHMAR WARTTS-SMILES, a certified peace officer with the University of Washington Police Department (UWPD), resigned in lieu of termination from his employment with UWPD after: (1) knowingly making false and/or misleading representations during an internal affairs investigation; and/or (2) engaging in conduct or a pattern of conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer and/or disrupted, diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement profession. Such misconduct subjects WARTTS-SMILES's peace officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d), (3)(j)(iv), and/or (3)(k). The circumstances are as follows:

Count I

On or around August 4, 2019, and October 15, 2019, WARTTS-SMILES knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a peace officer. Specifically, WARTTS-SMILES made false and/or misleading representations to his supervisor, Sergeant Michelle LaVetter, on or around August 4, 2019, when he first reported that he had been arrested due to a domestic

1 violence altercation with his romantic partner that took place on or around August 3,
2 2019, in Las Vegas, Nevada. WARTTS-SMILES again made false and misleading
3 statements about this domestic violence incident to investigators with the Tacoma
4 Police Department (TPD), who were assigned to conduct an internal affairs investigation
5 on behalf of UWPD. WARTTS-SMILES's false and misleading representations
6 concerned the nature of the altercation, whether he physically touched his partner, the
7 cause of injuries to himself and his partner, and his characterization of his partner's
8 account of the incident. WARTTS-SMILES's statements to his supervisor and TPD
9 investigators were inconsistent with reports from hotel security staff and police officers
10 who responded to the scene, his partner's accounts, and his own prior statements.
11 These false and misleading statements violated UWPD's policy governing truthfulness
12 (No. 26.1.1(D46)). After making these false and/or misleading representations,
13 WARTTS-SMILES separated from employment with UWPD on or around
14 February 3, 2020. WARTTS-SMILES's peace officer certification is therefore subject to
15 mandatory revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

16 AND/OR

17 **Count II**

18 On or around August 4, 2019, and October 15, 2019, WARTTS-SMILES
19 engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace
20 officer and/or jeopardized public trust in law enforcement when he engaged in the
21 misconduct described in Count I. This misconduct subjects WARTTS-SMILES's peace
22 officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

23 AND/OR

24 **Count III**

25 On or around August 3, 2019, WARTTS-SMILES engaged in conduct that failed
26 to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer and/or jeopardized

1 public trust in law enforcement when he: (1) engaged in a domestic violence altercation
2 with his romantic partner, resulting in him being arrested and booked in jail for the
3 criminal offense of domestic battery in the Clark County Detention Center; (2) failed to
4 timely report this incident to his supervisor in violation of UWPD policies; (3) made
5 disrespectful comments to and about hotel security staff and responding officers from
6 Las Vegas Police Department; and (4) consumed alcohol to the point of intoxication and
7 disruptive behavior. WARTTS-SMILES violated numerous UWPD Policies, including
8 No. 26.1.1(D2) (Unbecoming Conduct); No. 26.1.1(D4) (Conformance to Laws);
9 No. 26.1.1(D3) (Immoral Conduct); No. 41.4.2 (Response to Domestic Violence
10 Incidents Involving UWPD Employees and Law Enforcement Officers from Other
11 Agencies); and No. 26.1.1(D14) (Alcohol Use Off-Duty). This misconduct subjects
12 WARTTS-SMILES's peace officer certification to discipline under
13 RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

14 AND/OR

15 **Count IV**

16 On or about February 3, 2020, WARTTS-SMILES resigned in lieu of termination
17 from his employment with UWPD after engaging in the misconduct described in
18 Counts I-IV. WARTTS-SMILES's peace officer certification is therefore subject to
19 discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

20 DATED this 7 of May, 2024.

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26 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission