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

9 In re the Certification of  
10 KRISTOFER HENDERSON,  
11 Respondent.

NO. 20-789  
STATEMENT OF CHARGES

12 On or about April 29, 2020, KRISTOFER HENDERSON, a certified peace officer  
13 with the Spokane Police Department (SPD), was terminated for disqualifying  
14 misconduct pursuant to former RCW 43.101.105 (1)(d) (2011) and former  
15 RCW 43.101.010(8)(b)(2008). The disqualifying misconduct included conduct  
16 constituting a crime committed under color of authority as a peace officer, specifically:  
17 Assault in the Fourth Degree, RCW 9A.36.041. The disqualifying misconduct also  
18 included conduct constituting a crime involving dishonesty or false statement within the  
19 meaning of Evidence Rule 609(a), specifically: Making a False or Misleading Statement  
20 to a Public Servant, RCW 9A.76.175. The circumstances are as follows:

21 **Count I**

22 On or about July 12, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, HENDERSON  
23 engaged in conduct constituting the crime of Assault in the Fourth Degree when he  
24 intentionally kicked a handcuffed/physically restrained male suspect in the groin,  
25 contrary to the SPD use of force policy 2.1. HENDERSON'S use of force was retaliatory,  
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1 punitive, and not done in the performance of his duty or for the protection of himself or  
2 others. RCW 9A.36.041; Former RCW 43.101.010(8)(b) (2008).

3 AND/OR

4 **Count II**

5 On or about July 12, 2019, HENDERSON engaged in conduct constituting the  
6 crime of Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he knowingly  
7 filed a police report certified under penalty of perjury that contained materially inaccurate  
8 descriptions of HENDERSON'S use of force as described in Count I. RCW 9A.76.175;  
9 Former RCW 43.101.010(8)(b) (2008).

10 AND/OR

11 **Count III**

12 On or about October 1, 2019, during an internal investigation interview,  
13 HENDERSON engaged in conduct constituting the crime of Making a False or  
14 Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he knowingly made material false  
15 and/or misleading statements to SPD investigators concerning his use of force as  
16 described in Count I. RCW 9A.76.175; Former RCW 43.101.010(8)(b) (2008).

17 AND/OR

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**Count IV**

On or about February 10, 2020, during a *Loudermill* hearing, HENDERSON engaged in conduct constituting the crime of Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he knowingly made material false and/or misleading statements to SPD Police Chief Craig Meidl and others concerning his use of force as described in Count I. RCW 9A.76.175; Former RCW 43.101.010(8)(b) (2008).

The discharge is final and some or all of the acts or omissions forming the basis for the discharge proceedings occurred on or after January 1, 2002. RCW 43.101.105(1)(d).

DATED this 27 day of September 2023.

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