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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 **WOODY HEATH**

11 Respondent.

NO. R22-172

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

12 On or about September 5, 2022, WOODY HEATH, a certified peace officer with
13 the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), engaged in unsafe practices involving
14 firearms, weapons, or vehicles which indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the
15 safety of persons or property. Additionally, HEATH engaged in conduct that failed to
16 meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer; disrupted,
17 diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement
18 profession; or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the officer's sworn
19 oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of
20 Washington. Such misconduct subjects HEATH's peace officer certification to discipline
21 under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iii) and (3)(j)(iv). The circumstances are as follows:

22 **Count I**

23 On or about September 5, 2022, HEATH engaged in unsafe practices involving
24 firearms, weapons, or vehicles when he: (1) drove his personal vehicle in excess of 100
25 miles per hour in a 60 miles per hour zone; and/or (2) drove his vehicle in the manner
26 described above after having consumed at least thirteen bottles of beer and two mini

bottles of liquor; and/or (3) used his vehicle to attempt to evade a Washington State Patrol (WSP) trooper; and/or (4) abandoned his vehicle while it was still running in a further attempt to evade the WSP trooper; and/or (5) left a loaded handgun on the driver's seat of his abandoned running vehicle. These unsafe practices indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. Following this misconduct, HEATH pleaded guilty to Negligent Driving in the First Degree – RCW 46.61.5249. HEATH'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iii)

AND/OR

Count II

On or about September 5, 2022, HEATH engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer; disrupted, diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement profession; or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the officer's sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington when he: (1) engaged in any of the misconduct described in Count I; and/or (2) attempted to use his position as a peace officer to influence a WSP trooper to not arrest him; and/or (3) was discourteous to officers involved in his arrest. HEATH'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

DATED this 21 of September, 2023.

By:



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