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

In re the Certification of
COLBY JAMES PETERS

Respondent.

NO. 20-815

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

On November 4, 2016, COLBY JAMES PETERS, a certified peace officer with the Seattle Police Department (SPD), was discharged for disqualifying misconduct pursuant to RCW 43.101.010 (8)(a)(i)(B), (b). The disqualifying misconduct included conduct constituting a crime involving dishonesty or false statement within the meaning of Evidence Rule 609(a), to wit: Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant. RCW 9A.76.175. The disqualifying misconduct is as follows:

Count I

On or about September 22, 2016, PETERS engaged in conduct constituting the crime of Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he knowingly provided false or misleading statements to Officers Amber McLeod and Ron Maziotti regarding his involvement in an off duty shoplifting incident at the Ulta store in Puyallup on September 21. PETERS repeatedly minimized and misstated his actions to Officers McLeod and Maziotti. PETERS knew that Officers McLeod and Maziotti and SPD were

1 reasonably likely to rely upon these statements in the discharge of their official powers
2 or duties. RCW 9A.76.175.

3 **AND/OR**

4 **Count II**

5 On or about September 26, 2016, PETERS engaged in conduct constituting the
6 crime of Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he wrote an
7 email that knowingly provided false or misleading statements to Officer Grant Leavitt
8 regarding his involvement in an off duty shoplifting incident at the Ulta store in Puyallup
9 on September 21. PETERS repeatedly minimized and misstated his actions in the
10 email to Officer Leavitt. PETERS knew that Officer Leavitt and the SPD were
11 reasonably likely to rely upon these statements in the discharge of their official powers
12 or duties. RCW 9A.76.175.

13 **AND/OR**

14 **Count III**

15 On or about October 24, 2016, PETERS engaged in conduct constituting the
16 crime of Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he knowingly
17 provided false or misleading statements to Sergeant Leslie Smith during an internal
18 investigation. During the interview, PETERS repeatedly minimized and misstated his
19 actions to a shoplifting incident at the Ulta store in Puyallup on September 21, 2016,
20 while off duty. PETERS knew that Sergeant Smith and the SPD were reasonably likely
21 to rely upon these statements in the discharge of their official powers or duties.
22 RCW 9A.76.175.

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1 The discharge is final and some or all of the acts or omissions forming the basis
2 for the discharge proceedings occurred on or after January 1, 2002.
3 RCW 43.101.105(d). Accordingly, Peters' peace officer certification is subject to
4 revocation.

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6 DATED this 26th day of August, 2021.

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