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

In re the Certification of
JEFFREY NELSON

Respondent.

NO. 22-075
STATEMENT OF CHARGES

On or about May 31, 2019, JEFFREY NELSON, a certified peace officer with the Auburn Police Department (APD), was found to have committed a felony, without regard to conviction. Additionally, on or between 2011 and 2019, NELSON engaged in a pattern of acts showing an intentional or reckless disregard for the rights of others, including but not limited to violation of an individual's constitutional rights under the state or federal Constitution. Finally, during this timeframe, NELSON 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, and/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. NELSON'S peace officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i), (3)(j)(ii), and (3)(j)(iv). The circumstances are as follows:

1 **Count I**

2 On or about May 31, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, NELSON used
3 deadly force against an unarmed civilian. On or about August 20, 2020, King County
4 Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Mark Larson and Kathleen Van Olst issued a Certification
5 for Determination of Probable Cause finding that NELSON committed the felony
6 offenses of Murder in the Second Degree – RCW 9A.32.050, and Assault in the First
7 Degree – RCW 9A.36.011. NELSON’S peace officer certification is therefore subject to
8 discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i).

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10 AND/OR

11 **Count II**

12 Between 2011 and May 31, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, NELSON
13 engaged in a pattern of acts showing an intentional or reckless disregard for the rights
14 of others, including but not limited to violation of an individual's constitutional rights
15 under the state or federal Constitution, when he: (1) engaged in at least 17 uses of
16 force, including uses of force involving his police K9 and the lateral vascular neck
17 restraint (LVNR) technique, that were deemed outside the reasonable standard of care
18 expected of a constitutionally abiding police officer by Jim Pugel, a use of force expert
19 retained by the King County Prosecutor’s Office; and/or (2) committed at least three
20 on-duty shootings resulting in a death, including the shooting described in Count I.
21 NELSON’S peace officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under
22 RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(ii).

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24 AND/OR
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Count III

Between 2011 and July 3, 2019, NELSON 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, and/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 the conduct described in Count I; and/or (2) engaged in any of the conduct described in Count II; and/or (3) made false and/or misleading statements in a voluntary written statement provided to the Port of Seattle Police Department concerning the shooting described in Count I. NELSON'S peace officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

DATED this 12 day of December, 2023.

By:



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