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

In re the Certification of

ROBERT GOSS

Respondent.

NO. 20-795

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

On or about July 6, 2020, ROBERT GOSS, a certified peace officer with the Tieton Police Department (TPD), resigned in lieu of termination from that agency. Prior to his resignation, GOSS knowingly made multiple misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a peace officer. Additionally, GOSS 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 his sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington. GOSS's peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d), (3)(j)(iv) and (3)(k). The circumstances are as follows:

COUNT I

On or about June 29, 2020, GOSS knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a peace officer. Specifically, GOSS made false and/or misleading statements to TPD Chief

1 Jeff Ketchum regarding his actions in bringing his son and girlfriend to the Reserve
2 Academy without authorization. After making these false and/or misleading statements,
3 GOSS resigned in lieu of termination on or about July 6, 2020. GOSS's peace officer
4 certification is subject to mandatory revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

5 AND/OR

6 **COUNT II**

7 On or about June 29, 2020, GOSS knowingly made misleading, deceptive,
8 untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a peace officer.
9 Specifically, GOSS knowingly made false and/or misleading statements to TPD Chief
10 Jeff Ketchum about his compliance with a direct order given by TPD Chief Jeff Ketchum
11 regarding having his patrol vehicle at his girlfriend's residence. After making these false
12 and/or misleading statements, GOSS resigned in lieu of termination on or about July 6,
13 2020. GOSS's peace officer certification is subject to mandatory revocation under RCW
14 43.101.105(2)(d).

15 AND/OR

16 **COUNT III**

17 Between approximately June 1 and July 6, 2020, GOSS engaged in conduct that
18 failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer;
19 disrupted, diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law
20 enforcement profession, and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the
21 officer's sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the
22 state of Washington when he: (1) made false and/or misleading statements to TPD
23 Chief Jeff Ketchum as described in Count I and Count II; (2) brought his girlfriend and
24 son to the Reserve Academy without authorization, allowed his girlfriend and son to
25 attend a firearm training without authorization, and drove his son on the high speed
26 Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) without permission; and (3) parked his

1 patrol vehicle across from his girlfriend's home around 50 times in the month of June in
2 violation of a direct order from Chief Ketchum. GOSS's peace officer certification is
3 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

4 AND/OR

5 **COUNT IV**

6 On or about July 6, 2020, GOSS separated from his employment with TPD after
7 engaging in the misconduct described in Counts I, II, and III. GOSS's peace officer
8 certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

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10 DATED this 15 day of July 2024.

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