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

In re the Certification of

JON FORBES

Respondent.

NO. 23-224

**AMENDED STATEMENT OF
CHARGES**

On or about April 21, 2023, JON FORBES, a certified corrections officer with the Benton County Corrections Department (BCCD), was terminated from his employment after knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a corrections officer. Additionally, on or around February 18, 2023, FORBES engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a corrections officer and disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement profession. FORBES's corrections officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d), (3)(j)(iv), and (3)(k).

COUNT I

On or about April 21, 2023, FORBES was terminated from employment with the BCCD after his employing agency found that he knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a corrections officer. Specifically, BCCD found that during an internal affairs investigation interview conducted by Lieutenant Joshua Combs, FORBES knowingly made false and/or

1 misleading statements about the misconduct described in Count II. FORBES's
2 corrections officer certification is subject to mandatory revocation under
3 RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

4 AND/OR

5 **COUNT II**

6 On or about February 18, 2023, FORBES engaged in conduct that failed to meet
7 the ethical and professional standards required of a corrections officer and disrupted,
8 diminished, and damaged the public's trust and confidence in the law enforcement
9 profession. Specifically, FORBES violated multiple BCCD policies governing standards
10 of conduct, including but not limited to: (1) attending a high school basketball game
11 while intoxicated; and/or (2) improperly physically touching a member of the public;
12 and/or (3) engaging in confrontational behavior with members of the public. FORBES's
13 corrections officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under
14 RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

15 AND/OR

16 **COUNT III**

17 On or about April 21, 2023, FORBES was discharged from his employment with
18 BCCD after engaging in the misconduct described in Count II. FORBES's corrections
19 officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

20 DATED this 17 day of July 2024.

21 By:

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KIMBERLY A. BLISS

24 Assistant Director, Certification

25 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
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