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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

**AMENDED STATEMENT OF  
CHARGES**

On or about June 27, 2024, JEFFREY NELSON, a certified peace officer with the Auburn Police Department (APD), was found to have committed two felonies involving a use of deadly force and was convicted accordingly. 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 violations 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 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(2)(a)(i)(A), (3)(e), (3)(j)(i), (3)(j)(ii), and (3)(j)(iv). The circumstances are as follows:

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1 **Count I**

2 On or about June 27, 2024, NELSON was convicted of Murder in the Second  
3 Degree (RCW 9A.32.050), a Class A felony, in King County Superior Court Case  
4 No. 20-1-06432-3. NELSON'S peace officer certification is subject to mandatory  
5 revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(a)(i)(A).

6 AND/OR

7 **Count II**

8 On or about June 27, 2024, NELSON was convicted of Assault in the First  
9 Degree (RCW 9A.36.011), a Class A felony, in King County Superior Court Case  
10 No. 20-1-06432-3. NELSON'S peace officer certification is subject to mandatory  
11 revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(a)(i)(A).

12 AND/OR

13 **Count III**

14 On or about May 31, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, NELSON used his  
15 firearm to shoot a civilian, killing him. NELSON'S use of force could reasonably be  
16 expected to cause physical injury, and the use of force violated the law as described in  
17 Count I and Count II. NELSON'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under  
18 RCW 43.101.105(3)(e).

19 AND/OR

20 **Count IV**

21 On or about May 31, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, NELSON used his  
22 firearm to shoot a civilian, killing him. The following findings were made related to  
23 NELSON'S use of deadly force: (1) On or about August 20, 2020, the Office of the King  
24 County Prosecuting Attorney issued a Certification for Determination of Probable Cause  
25 finding that NELSON committed the crime of Murder in the Second Degree  
26 (RCW 9A.32.050), a Class A felony; and/or (2) On or about June 27, 2024, following a

1 trial concerning NELSON'S deadly use of force, a jury in King County Superior Court  
2 Case No. 20-1-06432-3 found that NELSON committed the crime of Murder in the  
3 Second Degree (RCW 9A.32.050), a Class A felony. NELSON'S peace officer  
4 certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i).

5 AND/OR

6 **Count V**

7 On or about May 31, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, NELSON used his  
8 firearm to shoot a civilian, killing him. The following findings were made related to  
9 NELSON'S use of deadly force: (1) On or about August 20, 2020, the Office of the King  
10 County Prosecuting Attorney issued a Certification for Determination of Probable Cause  
11 finding that NELSON committed the crime of Assault in the First Degree  
12 (RCW 9A.36.011), a Class A felony; and/or (2) On or about June 27, 2024, following a  
13 trial concerning NELSON'S deadly use of force, a jury in King County Superior Court  
14 Case No. 20-1-06432-3 found that NELSON committed the crime of Assault in the First  
15 Degree (RCW 9A.36.011), a Class A felony. NELSON'S peace officer certification is  
16 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i).

17 AND/OR

18 **Count VI**

19 Between 2011 and May 31, 2019, while on duty as a peace officer, NELSON  
20 engaged in a pattern of acts showing an intentional or reckless disregard for the rights  
21 of others, including but not limited to violation of an individual's constitutional rights  
22 under the state or federal Constitution, when he: (1) engaged in multiple uses of  
23 excessive force, including but not limited to, those that were deemed outside the  
24 reasonable standard of care expected of a constitutionally abiding police officer by  
25 Jim Pugel, a use of force expert retained by the King County Prosecutor's Office; and/or  
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1 (2) committed at least three on-duty shootings resulting in a death. NELSON'S peace  
2 officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(ii).

3 AND/OR

4 **Count VII**

5 Between 2011 and July 3, 2019, NELSON engaged in conduct that failed to meet  
6 the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer; disrupted, diminished  
7 or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement profession,  
8 and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the officer's sworn oath to  
9 enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington  
10 when he: (1) was convicted of murder as described in Count I; and/or (2) was convicted  
11 of felonious assault as described in Count II; and/or (3) engaged in a use of force that  
12 could reasonably be expected to cause injury, and that use of force violated the law, as  
13 described in Count III; and/or (4) was found to have committed murder without regard  
14 to conviction as described in Count IV; and/or (5) was found to have committed felonious  
15 assault without regard to conviction as described in Count V; and/or (6) engaged in any  
16 of the conduct described in Count VI. NELSON'S peace officer certification is subject to  
17 discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

18 DATED this 27 day of August 2024.

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22 KIMBERLY A. BLISS  
23 Assistant Director, Certification  
24 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission  
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