

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26

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

In re the Certification of

NO. 23-070

**AARON SHEPPARD**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

On or about October 17, 2022, AARON SHEPPARD, a certified peace officer formerly employed by the Richland Police Department (RPD), 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. After engaging in this misconduct, SHEPPARD resigned in lieu of termination from employment with the RPD on or about February 10, 2023. Such misconduct subjects SHEPPARD's peace officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv) and (3)(k). The circumstances are as follows:

**COUNT I**

On or about October 17, 2022, SHEPPARD 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

1 to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington  
2 when he: (1) purposefully deactivated his Body-Worn Camera (BWC) and/or muted the  
3 audio of the BWC several times during an ongoing incident and/or investigation; and/or  
4 (2) solicited a personal or sexual relationship with a citizen while on-duty and/or through  
5 use of his official capacity; and/or (3) engaged in an inappropriate personal and/or  
6 sexual relationship as a result of an investigation with a known victim, witness, suspect,  
7 or defendant while a case is being investigated or prosecuted, and/or as a direct result  
8 of any official conduct. SHEPPARD's peace officer certification is subject to discipline  
9 under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

10 AND/OR

11 **COUNT II**

12  
13 On or about February 10, 2023, SHEPPARD was discharged or otherwise  
14 separated from employment with the RPD after engaging in the misconduct described  
15 in Count I. SHEPPARD's peace officer certification is subject to discipline under  
16 RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

17  
18 DATED this 13 day of November 2024.

19 By:

20 

21 KIMBERLY A. BLISS

22 Assistant Director, Certification

23 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission