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

In re the Certification of  
**MATTHEW WILLIAM MORSE**  
Respondent.

NO. 23-321  
STATEMENT OF CHARGES

On or about September 26, 2022, MATTHEW WILLIAM MORSE, a certified peace officer then employed by the Tacoma Police Department (TPD), 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, MORSE was terminated from employment with the TPD on or about June 6, 2023. Such misconduct subjects MORSE'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 September 26, 2022, MORSE 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;

1 and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold his sworn oath to enforce  
2 the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington when he  
3 utilized a “chokehold” and/or restraint against a female colleague, the form of which  
4 appeared to be a Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR), which is an illegal force  
5 control technique, and/or used an otherwise inappropriate use of force. MORSE’s peace  
6 officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

7 AND/OR

8 **COUNT II**

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10 On or about June 6, 2023, MORSE was discharged or otherwise separated from  
11 employment with the TPD after engaging in the misconduct described in Count I.  
12 MORSE’s peace officer certification is subject to discipline under  
13 RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

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15 DATED this 18 day of November 2024.

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19 KIMBERLY A. BLISS  
20 Assistant Director, Certification  
21 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission  
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