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

In re the Certification of
STEVEN POLONSKY,
Respondent.

NO. 23-121
AMENDED
STATEMENT OF CHARGES

On or about November 7, 2023, STEVEN POLONSKY, a certified peace officer with the Bremerton Police Department (BPD), separated from his employment with the BPD after he knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a peace officer, subjecting his certification to mandatory revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

Additionally, between approximately February 2021 and June 2023, POLONSKY engaged in conduct and/or a pattern of conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer and/or disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement profession. POLONSKY'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(3)(j)(iv) and (3)(k). The circumstances are as follows:

1 **COUNT I**

2 On or about June 28, 2023, during an Internal Affairs (IA) interview concerning
3 allegations of misconduct against POLONSKY at issue in BPD's IA investigation
4 No. 23-06, POLONSKY knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent
5 representations about the nature of his interactions with Kitsap County Deputy
6 Prosecuting Attorney Joeseph Lombardi and/or about being notified of his obligation to
7 comply with a subpoena to appear as a law enforcement witness for a criminal trial.
8 POLONSKY's false and misleading statements violated BPD's honesty policy (BPD IA
9 23-06). POLONSKY separated from the BPD on or about November 7, 2023.
10 POLONSKY'S peace officer certification is subject to mandatory revocation under
11 RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

12 AND/OR

13 **COUNT II**

14 On or around February 9, 2021, POLONSKY engaged in conduct that failed to
15 meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer and/or disrupted,
16 diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in law enforcement
17 when, while on duty, he engaged in unprofessional and disrespectful behavior towards
18 a tow truck driver, which violated BPD's policy governing conduct toward the public.
19 (BPD IA No. C21-06). POLONSKY'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline
20 under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

21 AND/OR

22 **COUNT III**

23 On or around January 25, 2023, POLONSKY engaged in conduct that failed to
24 meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer and/or disrupted,
25 diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in law enforcement
26 when, while on duty and in uniform, he entered the place of employment of a citizen

1 who previously filed a complaint about him and made disparaging, retaliatory, and/or
2 slanderous remarks about her to a coworker. POLONSKY'S misconduct violated BPD's
3 policy governing conduct unbecoming a BPD employee (BPD IA 23-02). POLONSKY'S
4 peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

5 AND/OR

6 **COUNT IV**

7 Between approximately January 25, 2023, and June 28, 2023, POLONSKY
8 engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace
9 officer and/or disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence
10 in law enforcement during preparations for a criminal trial in which he had been
11 subpoenaed to testify as a law enforcement witness and when interviewed by IA
12 investigators. Specifically, POLONSKY engaged in unethical and unprofessional
13 conduct: (1) on or around January 25, 2023, when he impeded a defense interview by
14 repeatedly answering questions only by reading verbatim from his police report, despite
15 being asked for his personal recollection of events; and/or (2) on or around
16 May 11, 2023, by communicating disrespectfully and unprofessionally during a phone
17 call with Kitsap County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Joeseph Lombardi, including by
18 berating Mr. Lombardi and using profanity; and/or (3) on or around June 28, 2023, by
19 engaging in the misconduct described in Count I. POLONSKY'S misconduct violated
20 BPD's policies governing professionalism, conduct unbecoming a BPD employee,
21 conduct toward the public, and honesty, as well as the City of Bremerton's civil service
22 rule governing offensive conduct and language (BPD IA 23-06). POLONSKY'S peace
23 officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

24 AND/OR

1 **COUNT V**

2 On or around May 16, 2023, during a training session for a new law enforcement
3 records management system, POLONSKY engaged in conduct that failed to meet the
4 ethical and professional standards of a peace officer and/or disrupted, diminished, or
5 otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in law enforcement when he behaved
6 disrespectfully and unprofessionally toward a training instructor, including using
7 profanity and other abusive language and raising his voice toward the instructor.
8 POLONSKY'S conduct violated BPD's policies governing professionalism, conduct
9 unbecoming a BPD employee, conduct toward the public, and City of Bremerton's civil
10 service rule governing offensive conduct and language (BPD IA 23-05). POLONSKY'S
11 peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

12 AND/OR

13 **COUNT VI**

14 Between approximately February 2021 and June 2023, POLONSKY engaged in
15 a pattern of conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required
16 of a peace officer and/or disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or
17 confidence in the law enforcement profession when he engaged in a series of actions
18 that reflected inappropriate and unprofessional conduct toward members of the public,
19 as described in Counts II-V. POLONSKY'S peace officer certification is subject to
20 discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

21 AND/OR

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COUNT VII

On or about November 7, 2023, POLONSKY separated from his employment with the BPD after engaging in the misconduct described in Counts II-VI. POLONSKY'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

DATED this 17 day of March 2025.

By:



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