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

9 In re the Certification of

10 STEVEN POLONSKY,

11 Respondent.

NO. 23-121

**THIRD AMENDED STATEMENT OF
CHARGES**

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

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

On or about June 28, 2023, while being interviewed as part of BPD's Internal Affairs investigation No. 23-06, POLONSKY knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations about his conduct related to a criminal trial (State of Washington v. Floyd Ussin, Kitsap County Superior Court Case No. 21-1-00100-18). POLONSKY's false and misleading statements violated BPD's Policy 338.4.6 – Be Honest. After making these false statements, POLONSKY separated from the BPD on or about November 7, 2023. POLONSKY'S peace officer certification is subject to mandatory revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

AND/OR

COUNT II

Between approximately January 25, 2023, and June 28, 2023, POLONSKY engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer and/or disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in law enforcement when he behaved unprofessionally before, during, and after the criminal trial referenced in Count I. Specifically: (1) during a pre-trial interview, POLONSKY insisted on answering questions by reading verbatim from his police report and refused to provide an independent recollection of events, despite being repeatedly asked for his personal recollection by defense counsel; and/or (2) during pre-trial preparation, POLONSKY was unhelpful and uncommunicative with Kitsap County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Joseph Lombardi and ignored a lawful subpoena to testify at trial; and/or (3) during a phone call with Mr. Lombardi, POLONSKY behaved unprofessionally by loudly berating him while using profane language; and/or (4) during IA No. 23-06, POLONSKY was dishonest as described in Count I. POLONSKY'S misconduct violated the following BPD's policies: 338.4.7 – Conduct Unbecoming an Employee, 338.4.8 – Unprofessional Behavior, 338.4.10 – Conduct Toward the Public,

1 and 338.4.6 – Be Honest. POLONSKY’S misconduct also violated Civil Service Rule
2 19.05(F) – Offensive Language/Conduct. POLONSKY’S peace officer certification is
3 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

4 AND/OR

5 **COUNT III**

6 Between approximately January 25, 2023 and May 16, 2023, POLONSKY
7 engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace
8 officer and/or disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence
9 in law enforcement when he: (1) while on-duty and in uniform, entered the workplace of
10 a citizen who previously filed a complaint about him and made disparaging, retaliatory,
11 and/or slanderous remarks about her to her coworker; and/or (2) during a training
12 session for a new records management system, behaved disrespectfully and
13 unprofessionally towards the instructor by raising his voice and using profanity and
14 abusive language without justification. Collectively, POLONSKY’S misconduct violated
15 the following BPD policies: 338.4.7 – Conduct Unbecoming an Employee,
16 338.4.8 – Unprofessional Behavior, and 338.4.10 – Conduct Toward the Public.
17 POLONSKY’S misconduct also violated Civil Service Rules 19.05 A – Obey the Law
18 and Department Rules and 19.05(F) – Offensive Language/Conduct. POLONSKY’S
19 peace officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

20 AND/OR

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COUNT IV

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

DATED this 18 day of August 2025.

By:



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