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

In re the Certification of

NO. 21-001

**WILLIAM HATCHETT**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

On or about April 11, 2019, WILLIAM HATCHETT, a certified peace officer with the Ferndale Police Department (FPD), engaged in unsafe practices involving a vehicle which indicated either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. HATCHETT also engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of peace officers and jeopardized public trust in law enforcement. Such misconduct subjects HATCHETT's peace officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iii) and (j)(iv). The circumstances are as follows:

**COUNT I**

On or about April 11, 2019, HATCHETT engaged in unsafe practices involving a motor vehicle when he, while on duty, responded to a personal emergency at his home in his patrol vehicle, and en route operated his vehicle over 50 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour zone. HATCHETT failed to visually clear an intersection before going through a red light, consequently striking a civilian vehicle, resulting in severe injuries to the civilian driver. HATCHETT's conduct indicated a willful and/or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, and his peace officer certification is subject to discipline pursuant to RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iii).

**COUNT II**

On or about April 11, 2019, HATCHETT engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer when and jeopardized public trust in law enforcement when he engaged in the conduct described in Count I. HATCHETT's conduct violated RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

DATED this 15 day of February 2024.

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