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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

NO. 23-224

10 **JON FORBES**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

11 Respondent.
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13 On or about April 21, 2023, Corrections Officer JON FORBES, a certified
14 corrections officer with the Benton County Corrections Department (BCCD), was
15 terminated from his employment after knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue,
16 or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a corrections officer, subjecting his
17 certification to mandatory revocation under RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

18 Additionally, on or around February 18, 2023, FORBES engaged in conduct that
19 failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a corrections officer
20 and disrupted, diminished, or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law
21 enforcement profession. FORBES's corrections officer certification is therefore also
22 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv) and (3)(k).

23 **COUNT I**

24 On or about April 21, 2023, FORBES was terminated from employment with the
25 BCCD after his employing agency found that he knowingly made misleading, deceptive,
26 untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of being a corrections officer.

1 Specifically, BCCD found that during an internal affairs investigation interview
2 conducted by Lieutenant Joshua Combs, FORBES knowingly made false and/or
3 misleading statements about the misconduct described in Count II. FORBES's
4 corrections officer certification is subject to mandatory revocation under
5 RCW 43.101.105(2)(d).

6 AND/OR

7 **COUNT II**

8 On or about February 18, 2023, FORBES engaged in conduct that failed to meet
9 the ethical and professional standards required of a corrections officer and disrupted,
10 diminished, and damaged the public's trust and confidence in the law enforcement
11 profession. Specifically, FORBES violated multiple BCCD policies governing standards
12 of conduct, including but not limited to, being intoxicated while at a high school
13 basketball game; improperly physically touching a minor female member of the public;
14 and/or engaging in confrontational behavior with members of the public. FORBES's
15 correction officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under RCW
16 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

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COUNT III

On or about April 21, 2023, FORBES was discharged from his employment with BCCD after engaging in the misconduct described in Counts I, II, and III. FORBES's corrections officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

DATED this 15 day of February 2024.

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