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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. C22-059

10 **JOHN NIEDER**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

11 Respondent.
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14 On or about October 12, 2022, JOHN NIEDER, a certified peace officer with
15 Island County Sheriff's Office (ICSO), was found to have committed a felony, without
16 regard to conviction. Additionally, in 2014, NIEDER committed sexual harassment as
17 defined by state law. Finally, during this timeframe, NIEDER engaged in conduct that
18 failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer;
19 disrupted, diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law
20 enforcement profession, and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the
21 officer's sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the
22 state of Washington. NIEDER's peace officer certification is therefore subject to
23 discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i), (3)(f), and (3)(j)(iv). The circumstances are as
24 follows:
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1 **COUNT I**

2 On or about November 26, 2020, NIEDER engaged in sexual intercourse with
3 R.J., an adult female who was incapable of consent by reason of being physically
4 helpless or mentally incapacitated. On or about October 12, 2022, Detective
5 Emily Wolfe with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office issued an Affidavit of Probable
6 Cause finding that NIEDER committed the felony offense of Rape in the Second Degree
7 – RCW 9A.44.050. NIEDER'S peace officer certification is therefore subject to discipline
8 under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i).
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10 AND/OR

11 **COUNT II**

12 On or about September 24 and 25, 2022, NIEDER engaged in sexual intercourse
13 with A.S., an adult female who was incapable of consent by reason of being physically
14 helpless or mentally incapacitated. On or about October 12, 2022, Detective
15 Emily Wolfe with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office issued an Affidavit of Probable
16 Cause finding that NIEDER committed the felony offense of Rape in the Second Degree
17 – RCW 9A.44.050. NIEDER'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under
18 RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(i).
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20 AND/OR

21 **COUNT III**

22 Between January and June 2014, NIEDER committed sexual harassment as
23 defined by state law against L.S., a fellow peace officer with the ICSO. NIEDER'S peace
24 officer certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(f).
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1 AND/OR

2 **COUNT IV**

3 Between January 2014 and October 2022, NIEDER engaged in conduct that
4 failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer;
5 disrupted, diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law
6 enforcement profession, and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the
7 officer's sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the
8 state of Washington when he: (1) engaged in the conduct described in Count I; and/or
9 (2) engaged in the conduct described in Count II; and/or (3) engaged in the conduct
10 described in Count III. NIEDER'S peace officer certification is subject to discipline under
11 RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).
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14 DATED this 21 day of September 2023.

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16 By:



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KIMBERLY A. BLISS

18 Assistant Director, Certification
19 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
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