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

In re the Certification of

NO. 18-690

DENNY GULLA

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

On or about May 18, 2018, DENNY GULLA, a certified peace officer with the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), retired in lieu termination from his employment after engaging in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer. Such misconduct subjects GULLA's peace officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv) and (k). The circumstances are as follows:

COUNT I

Between 2016 and 2018, while on duty as a sergeant with KCSO, GULLA engaged in a pattern of conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer when he violated multiple KCSO policies. Specifically, GULLA: (1) routinely used disrespectful and inappropriate language directed at his subordinate officers; (2) made false or misleading statements to officers with the Internal Investigations Unit when he denied/claimed not to recall using inappropriate language; (3) threatened at least two members of his unit with a poor evaluation and/or report them for policy violations if they did not transfer out of his unit;

1 (4) yelled at and discouraged unit members for following KCSO policies and
2 procedures; (5) intimidated unit members to not come forward with their complaints to
3 command staff or HR; and (6) recorded conversations with unit members without their
4 consent or knowledge that they were being recorded. GULLA's peace officer
5 certification is therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

6 AND/OR

7 **COUNT II**

8 GULLA retired in lieu of discharge from the agency after the misconduct
9 described in Count I occurred. RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

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11 DATED this 3 day of May 2023.

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16 CHAD EVERETT ARCENEUX
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