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

In re the Certification of

NO. 22-023

THOMAS BURRESS

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

On or about March 7, 2023, THOMAS BURRESS, a certified peace officer with the Washington State Patrol (WSP), was terminated from employment after engaging in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer; disrupted, diminished or otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in the law enforcement profession; and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the officer's sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington. Such misconduct subjects BURRESS'S peace officer certification to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv) and (3)(k). The disqualifying misconduct is as follows:

COUNT I

Between 2009 and 2020, while employed by WSP, BURRESS engaged in conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards required of a peace officer; disrupted, diminished, and damaged the public's trust and confidence in the law enforcement profession, and/or demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the officer's sworn oath to enforce the Constitution and laws of the United States and the

1 state of Washington when he: (1) broke glassware belonging to a domestic partner;
2 and/or (2) punched a hole in the door of the bedroom he shared with a domestic partner;
3 and/or (3) threw his mobile phone at the wall in proximity of his infant son; and/or
4 (4) destroyed furniture belonging to a domestic partner; and/or (5) destroyed a domestic
5 partner's mobile phone. BURRESS'S misconduct violated numerous WSP policies,
6 including but not limited to 8.00.010 (Employees Required to Obey Rules of Conduct)
7 and 8.00.030 (Unacceptable Conduct). BURRESS'S peace officer certification is
8 therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv).

9 AND/OR

10 **COUNT II**

11 On or about March 7, 2023, BURRESS was discharged from WSP for the
12 misconduct described in Count I. BURRESS'S peace officer certification is therefore
13 subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

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15 DATED this 8 day of January 2024.

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19 KIMBERLY A. BLISS
20 Assistant Director, Certification
21 Washington State Criminal Justice Training
22 Commission
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