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

In re the Certification of

MICHAEL BROWN

Respondent.

NO. 21-007

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Between approximately June 1 and July 5, 2020, MICHAEL BROWN, a certified peace officer with the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) engaged in conduct involving prejudice or discrimination and/or conduct that failed to meet the ethical and professional standards of a peace officer. After engaging in this conduct, BROWN was terminated from the KCSO on or around February 11, 2021. His certification is subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(h), RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv), and RCW 43.101.105(3)(k). The circumstances are as follows:

Count I

Between approximately June 1 and July 5, 2020, during the racial justice protests occurring in Seattle in the summer of 2020, BROWN posted and shared/reposted images and commentary online that involved prejudice or discrimination against a person on the basis of race and/or color. Specifically, BROWN posted and/or shared images and commentary online that (1) promoted unwarranted or unlawful use of force by law enforcement against Black citizens and protesters involved in the racial justice

1 protests; and/or (2) minimized and/or trivialized violence involving persons of color
2 and/or violence against Black Lives Matter protesters. BROWN's conduct violated RCW
3 43.101.105(3)(h) and subjects his peace officer certification to discipline.

4 **Count II**

5 Between approximately June 1 and July 5, 2020, BROWN failed to meet the
6 ethical and professional standards of a peace officer, disrupted, diminished, or
7 otherwise jeopardized public trust or confidence in law enforcement, and/or
8 demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to uphold the officer's sworn oath to enforce
9 the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington when he:
10 (1) engaged in the conduct described in Count I; and/or (2) posted historical photos of
11 violence against anti-war protesters and endorsed the use of unwarranted or unlawful
12 force against those protesters. BROWN's conduct violated RCW 43.101.105(3)(j)(iv)
13 and subjects his peace officer certification to discipline.

14 **Count III**

15 On or about February 11, 2021, BROWN was terminated from employment with
16 KCSO after engaging in the misconduct described in Counts I-II. BROWN'S peace
17 officer certification is therefore subject to discipline under RCW 43.101.105(3)(k).

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19 DATED this 13 day of May 2024.

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