## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 24 DOJ 04330 JONATHAN GILYARD, Petitioner, v. NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION, Respondent.

The following **Exceptions** to the **Proposal for Decision** prepared by the Honorable John C. Evans, Administrative Law Judge, and filed in the Office of Administrative Hearings on July 14 2025, are hereby submitted to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission for consideration in its Final Agency Decision.

- 1. Counsel has made minor typographical and grammatical changes as necessary to make the proposal appropriate for Final Agency Decision.
- 2. Finding of Fact Paragraphs, 8, 10, 18, and 26 are amended to properly reflect the evidence and the record in the case.
- 3. Finding of Fact Paragraphs 24 and 31 are deleted in their entirety to properly reflect the evidence and the record in the case.
- 4. Conclusions of Law Paragraphs 6, 13, and 14 are deleted in their entirety to properly reflect the evidence and the record in the case.
- 5. Conclusion of Law Paragraph 9 is amended to reflect that due to the CJ Commission failing to provide appellate rights, the Commission should take no action for Petitioner purportedly being denied by the CJ Commission.
- 6. Proposal for Decision should be revised to reflect the final decision of the Commission as follows:

## ORDER PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is the undersigned hereby ordered that Petitioner's justice officer certification is denied for a period of five years, the period of suspension is suspended for a period of five years during which Petitioner is placed on probation. During that period of probation, Petitioner is not to violate and State, federal or local laws or violate any rules of this Commission, the CJ Commission or the Company and Campus Police program. proposes that the Commission find that Petitioner did not violate the Commission's rules, grant the Petitioner's certification, reflect in its records that Petitioner was not previously denied certification in 2022, and that Petitioner did not refuse to take a drug test in 2022.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned does hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **EXCEPTIONS** have been duly served upon **Petitioner's counsel** by mailing a copy to the address below:

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This the 18th day of August 2025.

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