## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 24 DOJ 03484 DAVID WILLIAM PATE, Petitioner, v. NORTH SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION, Respondent.

The following **Exceptions** to the **Proposal for Decision** prepared by the Honorable Samuel K. Morris, Administrative Law Judge, and filed in the Office of Administrative Hearings on August 18, 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 paragraph 4a and Conclusion of Law paragraph 11 were amended reflect that while Petitioner was charged with felony larceny, he was convicted of misdemeanor larceny.
- 3. Proposal for Decision should be revised to reflect the final decision of the Commission as follows:

## PROPOSAL FOR DECISION ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby proposed that Respondent AFFIRM the decision of its Probable Cause Committee regarding Petitioner's certification. that Petitioner's justice officer certification is denied indefinitely.

## This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 **Counsel for Petitioner** by mailing a copy to the address below or emailing to :

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