VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD

VSB DOCKET NO. 24-000-131274

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND HEARING

It appearing to the Board that Joshua Nathaniel DeBold was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 16, 2008, and,

It further appearing that on February 5, 2024, Joshua Nathaniel DeBold entered guilty pleas in Case Nos. CR23-962, CR1378-82 and CR23-1075-76 to Domestic A+B, Assault on LEO, Strangulation, and Obstruction, in the Circuit Court of Arlington County.

It further appearing that Joshua Nathaniel DeBold has been convicted of a Crime, as defined by the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 A.,

It is ORDERED, pursuant to the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22, that the license of Joshua Nathaniel DeBold to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby **SUSPENDED**, **February 29, 2024**.

It is further ORDERED that Joshua Nathaniel DeBold appear before the Virginia State

Bar Disciplinary Board at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission – Courtroom 1,

333 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, at 9:00 a.m., on March 22, 2024, to

show cause why his license to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be

further suspended or revoked.

It is further ORDERED that Joshua Nathaniel DeBold shall forthwith give notice, by certified mail, of the Suspension of his license to practice law in Virginia to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing Attorneys and the presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition

of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. The Respondent shall give such notice immediately and in no event later than fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the Suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein as soon as is practicable and in no event later than forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Suspension. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements for the disposition of matters have been made. The Board shall decide all issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein. The burden of proof shall be on the Respondent to show compliance. If the Respondent fails to show compliance, the Board may impose a sanction of Revocation or additional Suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of subparagraph 13-29.

It is further ORDERED that copies of the Indictments in Case Nos. CR23-962, CR23-1029-33, CR23-1075-76, and CR23-1378-79, and the Plea Agreement Memorandum in Case Nos. CR23-962, CR1378-82 and CR23-1075-76 in the Circuit Court of Arlington County be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, with attachments, shall be mailed to the Respondent by certified, regular and electronic mail to his Virginia State Bar address of record, at 48 Birch Fld., Jefferson, GA 30549-8300, and a copy by electronic mail to Elizabeth K. Shoenfeld, Senior Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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Carolyn V. Grady Chair Designate

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did, without consent, impede the blood circulation or respiration of Mary Debold by knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully applying pressure to the neck of such person resulting in the wounding or bodily injury of such person.

§18.2-51.6 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

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TESTE:

Clerk

A True Bill
No True Bill

Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1347-F6

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did commit an assault against Tianshan Fullop, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

TESTE:

Clerk

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No True Bill

Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1342-F6

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did commit an assault against Thomas Mares, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

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TESTE:

Clerk

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No True Bill

Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1342-F6

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did commit an assault against Kyle Kohl, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

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TESTE:

Clerk

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Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1342-F6

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did commit an assault against Brett Bigler, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

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TESTE:

Clerk

[] A True Bill
No True Bill

Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1342-F6

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did commit an assault against Tyler Kettleman, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

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Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1342-F6

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did, by threats or force, knowingly attempt to intimidate or impede a law enforcement officer, lawfully engaged in his duties as such.

§18.2-460(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand
Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

TESTE:

Clerk

A True Bill
No True Bill

Indictment for Misdemeanor VCC: IUS-4828-M1

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

September 25, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did assault and batter Mary Debold, a family or household member.

§18.2-57.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Detective Christopher D Cook, Arlington County Police

TESTE:

Clerk

A True Bill
No True Bill

Indictment for Misdemeanor VCC: ASL-1315-M1

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

November 27, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did commit an assault against Tyler Kettleman, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Officer T. Kettleman, Arlington County Police

TESTE:

Clerk

A True Bill
No True Bill

Indictment for Felony VCC: ASL-1342-F6

11/27/2023

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

November 27, 2023

The Grand Jury Charges that JOSHUA NATHANIEL DEBOLD:

On or about June 30, 2023, in the County of Arlington, did attempt to commit an assault against Tianshan Fullop, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law-enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

§18.2-57/18.2-26 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended.

Witnesses sworn and sent to the Grand Jury by the Court to give evidence:

Officer T. Kettleman, Arlington County Police

TESTE:

Clerk

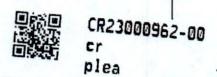
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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA	rcr.)
v.) CR23-962, CR1378-82
) CR23-1075-76
JOSHUA DEBOLD,	The same of the sa
Defendant.	3

PLEA AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM

- 1. My name is Joshua Debold and my date of birth is July 23, 1982.
- I am represented by an attorney whose name is Christopher Jacob.
- 3. I am going to plead guilty to the crimes listed below in this paragraph. I have read each of the indictments and discussed each of these indictments with my attorney and I understand each of the charges against me.

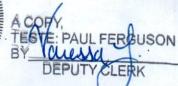
INDICTMENT	OFFENSE	CRIME CHARGED IN	CRIME TO WHICH I AM PLEADING
/WARRANT	DATE	THE INDICTMENT	
23-1076	6/30/23	Domestic A+B	" Att Assault on LEO
23-1379	6/30/23	Assault on LEO	

4. I understand that if the judge accepts my plea of guilty, the Commonwealth will then ask the judge to enter orders of nolle prosequi pursuant to Rule 3A:8(c)(1)(A) of the Supreme Court of Virginia to the indictments listed below. In other words, the prosecutor will tell the judge that these charges will not be prosecuted at this time.

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INDICTMENT	OFFENSE	CRIME CHARGED II
/WARRANT	DATE	THE INDICTMENT
23-962	6/30/23	Strangulation
23-1075	6/30/23	Obstruction
23-1378	6/30/23	Assault on LEO
23-1380	6/30/23	Assault on LEO
23-1381	6/30/23	Assault on LEO
23-1382	6/30/23	Assault on LEO





- I understand that by pleading guilty I admit I committed the crime to which I am pleading.
- 6. My attorney has explained to me what the Commonwealth must prove in order to convict me of the crime that I am pleading guilty to. I have discussed with my attorney everything I know about the charge against me. I have discussed with my attorney any possible defenses I might have to the charge against me.
- 7. I understand that by pleading guilty I give up all objections to the admissibility of evidence, all objections to the legality of the arrest, all objections to any search or seizure of property, and all objections to other errors in bringing the charge or charges against me.
- 8. I understand that I have the right to plead "Not Guilty" to the charge against me, but I want to give up that right and plead guilty instead. I also understand that when I give up the right to plead "Not Guilty" I am also giving up other rights guaranteed to me by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Virginia, and laws of Virginia. In particular, I understand that by pleading guilty I give up:
 - A. The right to a speedy and public trial by a jury of twelve persons who know that I am presumed innocent and all twelve of whom must agree that I am guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and all twelve of whom must agree on a sentence before I could be convicted;
 - B. The right to have my attorney help me get ready for trial, help me during the trial, and help me after the trial. I am not, however, giving up my right to have my attorney help me with this plea or any sentencing matters that may come up in the future;
 - C. The right to see and hear all witnesses against me and the right to cross-examine those witnesses;
 - D. The right to use the power of the Court to force the production of any evidence and the attendance and testimony of any witnesses for me;
 - E. The right to require the Commonwealth to prove every material allegation against me beyond a reasonable doubt and to prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;

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- F. The right to remain silent and not to take the stand and testify at my trial. I also understand that if I decided not to testify at my trial neither the judge nor the jury could draw any unfavorable conclusion from my decision;
- G. The right to appeal to other courts the decision of the trial judge if I were convicted.
- 9. I understand that by pleading guilty I give up any right of appeal from the decision of this Court, including the right to have an attorney (my present attorney or a new attorney) help me with the appeal.
- 10. I understand that by pleading guilty I may receive the same penalties as if I had been convicted of the same crime after a trial by a jury or by a judge sitting without a jury. I understand these penalties to be for:

Domestic Assault and Battery: confinement in jail for not more than twelve months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

Attempted Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer: a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, or confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

- 11. I understand that in addition to the penalty described above, I may also be sentenced to a period of post-release supervision that will include a penalty term of six (6) months to three (3) years of incarceration, which if imposed, may be in addition to the statutory maximum sentence described above for the crime to which I am pleading guilty.
- 12. I understand that sentences for more than one offense are served one after another (consecutively) unless otherwise ordered by the judge and that fines are cumulative (the amounts are added). I also understand that I will be ordered to pay the costs of this prosecution.
- 13. I also understand that my plea of guilty is an admission of bad behavior and could have a serious effect on other charges, if any, here or elsewhere.

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- 14. I acknowledge that my plea of guilty may place me at risk for deportation or exclusion if I am not a citizen of the United States.
- 15. I am entirely satisfied with the services of the attorney who has represented me in this case.
- 16. No one in the Commonwealth Attorney's office, nor any police officer, nor any employee of the state or county, nor my attorney, nor anyone else, has in any manner threatened or forced me to enter this plea of guilty or promised me leniency (easy treatment) or anything else in return for my pleading guilty, except what is written down in this document.
- 17. There is no agreement in connection with this case except for the agreement described in this document. I understand that the judge will not enforce any agreement not written down here.
- 18. I make no claim of innocence and I freely and voluntarily plead guilty to the crime described in paragraph 3, above, because I did the wrongful act I am pleading guilty to.
- 19. I understand and agree (pursuant to Rule 3A:8(c)(1)(C) of the Supreme Court of Virginia) that my sentence in CR23-1379 will be imprisonment for 3 years with 3 years suspended for a period of 3 years from the date that I am sentenced.

I understand and agree (pursuant to Rule 3A:8(c)(1)(C) of the Supreme Court of Virginia) that my sentence in <u>CR23-1076</u> will be a jail sentence of 12 months with 12 months suspended for a period of 1 year from the date that I am sentenced.

My sentences of confinement shall be suspended based on the following special conditions:

- (1) I will follow all of the terms of probation, including those set forth in Section 2.5 of the Local Rules and Preferred Practices; and
 - (2) payment of my court costs; and

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- (3) that I am to be of general good behavior during the period of time that my sentence is suspended; and
- (4) that I remain alcohol, marijuana, and drug free and successfully complete a substance abuse evaluation and any substance abuse counseling, testing and treatment that may be required of me by my probation officer; and
- (5) that I successfully complete the Partner Shift Program; and
- (6) that I successfully complete a mental health assessment and follow all treatment recommendations; and
 - (7) that I have no contact with Mary Debold; and
- (8) that I refrain from purchasing or possessing any firearms.

I understand and agree that I will be on supervised probation during the time when my sentence is suspended. I also understand that it is my responsibility to report immediately upon my release to District 10 Virginia Probation and Parole Office, 3300 Fairfax Drive, Suite 320, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

- 20. I understand that by entering into this plea agreement, I will not at any time ask the Court to sentence me except as is specified in this document. I further understand that pursuant to Rule 3A:8(c)(4) of the Supreme Court of Virginia if the Court rejects this plea agreement, I may withdraw my guilty plea and have my case heard by another judge.
- 21. I have read all of the above paragraphs, I have reviewed them with my attorney, and I agree to all the provisions of this agreement.

Signed by me in the presence of my attorney this the day of Felina, 2024.

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Parişa Dehghani-Tafti Commonwealth's Attorney

Joshua Debold, Defendant

The above is our understanding of the facts and agreement in this case and the decision of the defendant.

Nassir Aboreden

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I have:

- (1) Consulted and informed the victims of the contents of this agreement.
- (2) Obtained the victims' views concerning plea negotiations.
- (3) Notified the victims of the proceeding in which this plea will be tendered to the court.

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Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney

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COMMONWEALTH v. JOSHUA DEBOLD CR23-1076, 1379

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT 1: FACTUAL PREDICATE FOR PLEA

The facts that support the plea agreement are:

On June 30, 2023, Mary Debold had been at a work event and returned home to 1800 N. Lynn Street, Apt #2007, in Arlington, VA. When she returned home, her husband, Joshua Debold was in the bedroom. Mr. Debold was intoxicated. When Ms. Debold confronted him about his drinking he began to yell. The defendant grabbed Ms. Debold by her throat with both hands around the base of her neck in the bedroom and squeezed hard while the victim was against the wall. While this was happening, the victim could not breathe. Law enforcement officers observed red marks on the left side of her neck and multiple red protruding blood vessels in her eyes.

The victim tried to get the defendant off her and he threw her into the main hall. After she was thrown, she was on the ground next to some golf clubs. She took one and hit the defendant in the chest as he was coming towards her. The defendant grabbed a bar stool and threw it at her but missed. The defendant then lunged at her, knocked her down, took his laptop, and smashed it on her as she was on the ground. Officers observed a laceration with a knot type injury in the center of her forehead. Ms. Debold was able to grab her phone and call the police.

The defendant continued yelling and told Ms. Debold not to call the police.

He then retrieved a firearm and returned to where the victim was. The firearm

remained in his hand by his hips as he was pacing. Ms. Debold was subsequently able to leave the apartment.

Ms. Debold told officers that the defendant was holding a 10mm handgun. Officer Fullop, serving as the negotiator, attempted to call the defendant multiple times with no response. Five officers, including Officer Fullop, entered the hallway in riot gear with ballistic shields and rifles drawn. Officer Fullop noticed that the door to the apartment was slightly ajar. He called out again for Mr. Debold and received no response but did hear footsteps and saw that the door was closed from the inside.

Officers approached and opened the door to see the Defendant down the hallway of the apartment. The lights were turned off and the apartment was dark but he was seen standing with something grasped in his right hand. Officer Fullop identified himself as a law enforcement officer. The defendant warned officers not to enter the apartment and stated, "I'm going to fucking kill you, you understand." He appeared highly intoxicated. Hearing this, officers believed that his intent was to kill and they withdrew down the hall.

Mr. Debold then approached the doorway and stood in the threshold of the door and began to communicate with Officers. He stated, "I will literally kill you right now." As he said this, he was holding his right hand behind himself and appeared to be gripping something as his right arm muscles appeared clenched. His tone was highly elevated and agitated. The defendant refused to comply with orders to show his hands. He then told officers that he had a 10mm in his hand.

Fullop proceeded to engage in a conversation via text message with the defendant. The defendant stated, "I would suggest you put my thoughts that all of you a fuck yourself and if you want me you can come in here and get me, and I will go down in a glorious fiery blaze. I'm looking forward to it." Officers were finally able to convince Mr. Debold to come out into the hallway and surrender himself, which he did.

Officer Fullop would testify that he and the other law enforcement officers who were outside of the apartment believed that they were about to be shot at and killed. Further, law enforcement would testify that when Mr. Debold approached the hallway, he took a firing stance. This was an overt act intended to place the officers in fear or apprehension of bodily harm. This act created a reasonable fear and apprehension of serious bodily injury or death in the officers. All of the above events occurred in Arlington County, VA.