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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
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Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Death of Albert Fredericks, Jr.

Dear Executive Constantine:

On January 3, 2019, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the Seattle Police Department concerning the in-custody death of Albert Fredericks on November 17, 2017. Pursuant to the Executive Order on the inquest process (PHL-7-1-2-EO), this office has reviewed those materials and recommends that an inquest be ordered. The Executive's Order mandates an inquest to investigate "any death of an individual involving a member of any law enforcement agency within King County while in the performance of the member's duties."

In this instance, on the evening of November 17, 2017, Seattle Police Officers responded to a report of a man standing and yelling in the middle of a busy street. Officers arrived on scene to find Albert Fredericks in an intersection along Aurora Ave North. He appeared to be under some mental distress. Officers made several attempts to convince Fredericks to vacate the intersection. At one point he did, but then returned to the middle of the street. Officers restrained Fredericks, secured him to a gurney, and loaded him into an ambulance for transport to a hospital. Before the ambulance could leave, medics advised officers that Fredericks had stopped breathing. Despite life saving measures, Fredericks died on scene.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1970. I would be more than happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter in further detail.

Sincerely,

For DANIEL T. SATTERBERG,
King County Prosecuting Attorney

(Signature)
Mark Larson
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Carmen Best, Chief, Seattle Police Department