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

Re: In-Custody Death of Billy V. Sterling (Revised Recommendation)

Dear Executive Constantine:

After further review of the investigation, it appears our initial recommendation was in error. Pursuant to Executive Order PHL-7-1-5-EO, section 6.1, we do not recommend that an inquest be initiated because the role of law enforcement was *de minimis* and did not contribute in any discernable way to a Mr. Sterling's death.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1174. 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

Daniel J. Clark
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cc: Allen Nance, Director, King County DAJD