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October 18, 2024

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

Re: In-Custody Death of Sharieff Sylvester

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the Valley Independent Investigation Team concerning the in-custody death of Sharieff Sylvester on October 12, 2022.

After a careful review of these materials, we are satisfied that the investigation is now complete. Pursuant to Executive Order PHL-7-1-5-EO, we recommend an inquest be initiated because we have not identified any factors or circumstances under §6.1, or any other reasons, that indicate that an inquest is not warranted.

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 LEESA MANION (she/her),
King County Prosecuting Attorney

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Daniel J. Clark
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc:
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