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April 20, 2023

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

Re: In-Custody Death of Derek Duane Hutchinson

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the Kent Police Department and King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, concerning the in-custody death of Derek Duane Hutchinson at the MRJC jail on September 25, 2017.

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 do not recommend an inquest be initiated because the role of law enforcement was *de minimis* and did not contribute in any discernable way to a Mr. Hutchinson's death.

If you have any questions, or would like to receive a copy of the complete investigation 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, King County Prosecuting Attorney

Daniel J. Clark

Daniel J. Clark Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Allen Nance, Director, King County DAJD