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The Honorable Dow Constantine  
King County Executive  
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800  
Chinook Building  
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 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 Leesa Manion,  
King County Prosecuting Attorney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. Clark".

Daniel J. Clark  
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Allen Nance, Director, King County DAJD