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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
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RE: Death of Mi'Chance Deshon Dunalp-Gittens

Dear Executive Constantine:

On March 9, 2017 the King County Prosecutor's Office received investigative materials from the King County Sheriff's Office concerning the shooting death of Mi'Chance Deshon Dunalp-Gittens by Sheriff's deputies on January 27, 2017. Pursuant to Executive Order (PHL 7-1-1), this office has reviewed those materials and recommends that an inquest be ordered. The Executive's Order mandates an inquest to investigate "any death involving a member of any law enforcement agency within King County while in the performance of his/her duties."

In this instance, Sheriff's detectives were conducting an undercover operation around the 21600 block of 29th Ave S. in the City of Des Moines. When the subject of the investigation, Mr. Da'Johntae Richard, and Mr. Dunalp-Gittens approached the undercover detectives, there was an exchange of gunfire. Dunalp-Gittens was struck by gunfire and transported to Harborview Medical Center where he later died. Richard was apprehended that same evening in a nearby apartment. I would be more than happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter in further detail.

If you agree that an inquest should be held in this matter, we shall assign a deputy prosecutor. Please contact our office with your decision as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1970.

Sincerely,

For DANIEL T. SATTERBERG,
King County Prosecuting Attorney



Mark Larson
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Gail Stone, Law and Justice Policy Advisor, King County Executive Office
James Bush, Executive Program Assistant II, King County Executive Office
The Honorable Donna Tucker, King County District Court
John Urquhart, Sheriff, King County Sheriff's Office