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

RE: Death of Giovonn M. Joseph-McDade

Dear Executive Constantine:

On July 26, 2017 the King County Prosecutor's Office received investigative materials from the Des Moines Police Department concerning the shooting death of Giovonn M. Joseph-McDade by a Kent Police Officer on June 24, 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, a Kent Police Officer initiated a traffic stop that turned into a pursuit. A second Kent Police unit joined the pursuit. The suspect vehicle entered a cul-de-sac where officers were able to turn the vehicle with a PIT maneuver. One of the officers exited his patrol car when the suspect vehicle stopped. The vehicle then backed up and drove at the officer. As the officer moved out of the way, he fired his weapon at the vehicle driver, Giovonn Joseph-McDade. Joseph-McDade was struck twice in the upper body and later died at the scene. 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  
Ken Thomas, Sheriff, Kent Chief of Police