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October 6, 2017

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

RE: Death of Tommy Le

Dear Executive Constantine:

On October 5, 2017, the King County Prosecutor's Office received investigative materials from the King County Sheriff's Office concerning the shooting death of Tommy Le by Sheriff's deputies on June 13, 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, on the evening of June 13, 2017, several calls were made to 911 reporting a young man, later identified as Tommy Le, wielding a sharp object and threatening people. King County Sheriff's Deputies arrived in the Burien neighborhood just after midnight on June 14, 2017. As they were taking reports, Le returned with an object in-hand. Deputies gave commands for Le to drop the object, but Le refused and continued to advance toward the officers. Tasers were deployed, but Le was not deterred. A deputy then fired his duty pistol at Le. Lifesaving measures were immediately started by deputies and later taken over by medics. Le was transported to Harborview where he soon died from his injuries. I would be 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



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October 9, 2017

The Honorable Donna Tucker
Presiding Judge, King County District Court
Room W-1034
C O U R T H O U S E

RE: **Death of Tommy Le**

Dear Judge Tucker:

I hereby order an inquest into the shooting death of Tommy Le by King County Sheriff's deputies on June 13, 2017. I request that a judge be assigned to conduct the inquest. My decision is based on a recommendation by the Prosecuting Attorney that this case meets the conditions outlined in Executive Order PHL 7-1-1 requiring an inquest. The Prosecuting Attorney's recommendation is enclosed.

Please contact Mark Larson, Assistant Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, at 206-477-1970, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable John Urquhart, King County Sheriff
The Honorable Dan Satterberg, King County Prosecuting Attorney (KCPAO)
Mark Larson, Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, KCPAO
Gail Stone, Law & Justice Policy Advisor, King County Executive Office (KCEO)
Alex Fryer, Director of Communications, KCEO