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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 Robert J. Lightfeather

Dear Executive Constantine:

On April 20, 2018, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the Kent Police Department concerning the shooting death of Robert J. Lightfeather on October 30, 2017. Pursuant to the latest Executive Order on the inquest process (PHL-7-1-2-EO), 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, in the later evening of October 30, 2017, emergency calls were made to 911 reporting a suspect, later identified as Robert J. Lightfeather, brandishing a gun in a parking lot along Pacific Hwy S. The suspect was reported to be with two other males. Nearby Federal Way Police Officers responded to the scene. Upon arrival, the suspect turned and pointed his gun at the officers. Officers exited their patrol cars and gave commands to drop the weapon, but the suspect did not comply. Officers fired their weapons striking the suspect who was later pronounced dead at the scene.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1970. I would be more than happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter in further detail.

Sincerely,
For DANIEL T. SATTERBERG,
King County Prosecuting Attorney



Mark Larson
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Andy J. Hwang, Chief of Police, City of Federal Way