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**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ROBERT LIGHTFEATHER
17IQ16588**

INTERROGATORIES TO THE INQUEST JURY

DATED 30TH day of Sept, 2022.

Robert McBeth
Inquest Administrator

**INTERROGATORIES ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CAUSES OF THE DEATH OF
ROBERT LIGHTFEATHER**

Interrogatory No. 1: On October 30, 2017, at the intersection of Pacific Highway South and S. 316th St. in Federal Way, WA did Robert Lightfeather alert Joseph Kangethe and Warren Nyanjui that smoke was coming from their vehicle?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 2: Did Joseph Kangethe pull into the Elephant Car Wash to investigate the source of the smoke coming from his vehicle?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 3: Did Robert Lightfeather pull into the Elephant Car Wash, exit his vehicle, and walk towards Joseph Kangethe and Warren Nyanjui?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 4: Did Robert Lightfeather have what appeared to be a firearm/handgun in his hand when he contacted Joseph Kangethe and/or Warren Nyanjui?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 5: Did Robert Lightfeather possess a .40 caliber Walther semi-automatic handgun, a firearm?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 6: Did Robert Lightfeather and Joseph Kangethe talk for approximately 20 minutes?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 7: Did Robert Lightfeather point a firearm at Joseph Kangethe's head?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 8: Did Sharon Mendiola call 911 to report a man pointing a gun at another man?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 9: Did Officers Turpin and Rogers respond to a dispatch of a report of a "male pointing a gun at another male" at the Elephant Car Wash?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 10: Were Officers Turpin and Rogers in clearly marked Federal Way Police uniforms?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 11: Were Officers Turpin and Rogers in clearly marked Federal Way Police vehicles?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 12: Were the emergency lights of either Officer's vehicle activated?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 0 NO 8 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 13: When Officers Turpin and Rogers arrived on scene, did Robert Lightfeather turn towards the Officers?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 14: Did Robert Lightfeather appear to rack a firearm?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 15: Did Robert Lightfeather point a firearm in the direction of either of the officers?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 16: Did Officer Rogers issue any order, command or warning to Mr. Lightfeather?

YES 0 NO 8 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 17: Did Officer Rogers fire his handgun at Robert Lightfeather?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 18: Did a bullet fired by Officer Rogers strike Robert Lightfeather?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 19: Did Officer Turpin move to the opposite side of his vehicle to improve the angle of an anticipated shot and get better cover?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 20: Did Officer Turpin issue any order, command or warning to Mr. Lightfeather?

YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 8

Interrogatory No. 21: Did Officer Turpin order Mr. Lightfeather to drop his gun?

YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 8

Interrogatory No. 22: At any time during this incident, did Robert Lightfeather drop his firearm in response to a command or commands given by a Federal Way Police Department Officer?

YES 0 NO 5 UNKNOWN 3

Interrogatory No. 23: Did Officer Turpin fire his handgun at Robert Lightfeather?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 24: Did a bullet fired by Officer Turpin strike Robert Lightfeather?

YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 8

Interrogatory No. 25: If you find that either officer fired their handgun at Robert Lightfeather, at the time that the officer did so, did that officer have reason to believe Robert Lightfeather was acting in a manner that presented an imminent risk of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or others?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 26: Did deadly force used by any of the following officers cause the death of Robert Lightfeather?

Officer Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 8

Officer Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 27: Did Federal Way Police Department officers request medical aid within two minutes of Robert Lightfeather being struck by bullets?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 28: Did Robert Lightfeather die within a manner of seconds of being struck by bullets?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

INTERROGATORIES ABOUT FEDERAL WAY POLICIES AND TRAINING

Interrogatory No. 29: If you find that either officer fired their handgun at Robert Lightfeather, did that officer reasonably believe that:

- Doing so was in defense of human life, including the officer's own life; or
- Doing so was in defense of any person in imminent danger of serious physical harm?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 30: If you find that either officer fired their handgun at Robert Lightfeather, did a verbal warning precede that Officer firing his firearm?

Ofc. Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 8 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 0 NO 8 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 31: If you find that either officer fired their handgun at Robert Lightfeather, was it feasible for that officer to provide a verbal warning prior to firing his firearm?

Ofc. Turpin YES 5 NO 3 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 0 NO 8 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 32: Did the City of Federal Way Policy 1.3 USE OF FORCE apply to the actions of the following officers in this instance?

Officer Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Officer Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 33: If you found that the City of Federal Way Policy 1.3 USE OF FORCE applied to the actions of any of the following officers during the course of this incident, did that officer comply with the policy?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 34: If you found that the City of Federal Way Policy 1.3 USE OF FORCE applied to the actions of either of the following officers during the course of this incident, were the actions of that officer consistent with the City of Federal Way training received by that officer?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 35: Did the City of Federal Way Policy 40.1.4.B.5 RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM – GENERAL GUIDELINES – PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES apply to the actions of Officer Turpin officers in this instance?

Officer Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 36: If you found that the City of Federal Way 40.1.4.B.5 RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM – GENERAL GUIDELINES – PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES applied to the actions of Officer Turpin during the course of this incident, did that officer comply with the policy?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 37: Did the City of Federal Way training as to De-Escalation apply to the actions of the following officers in this instance?

Officer Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Officer Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 38: If found that the City of Federal Way Trainings as to De-Escalation applied to the actions of either of the following officers during the course of this incident, were the actions of that officer consistent with the City of Federal Way training received by that officer?

Ofc. Turpin YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

INTERROGATORIES ABOUT WHETHER ROBERT LIGHTFEATHER'S DEATH WAS OCCASIONED BY CRIMINAL MEANS

Interrogatory No. 39: If you found that either of the officers' use of deadly force caused the death of Robert Lightfeather (Interrogatory # 26), was the use of deadly force used by that officer necessary to overcome actual resistance to the execution of the legal process, or order of an officer, or in the discharge of a legal duty?

Ofc. Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8
 Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 40: If you found that either of the officers' use of deadly force caused the death of Robert Lightfeather (Interrogatory # 26), as to either officer, was the use of deadly force by that officer justifiable as defined in Instruction No. 11?

Ofc. Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8
 Ofc. Rogers YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 0

Interrogatory No. 41: If you answered "NO" to Interrogatory # 40 as to either officer (that the officer's use of deadly force against Robert Lightfeather was not justifiable), was the use of deadly force by that officer done with malice, as defined in Instruction No 16?

Ofc. Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8
 Ofc. Rogers YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8

Interrogatory No. 42: If you answered "NO" to Interrogatory #40 (that the officer's use of deadly force against Robert Lightfeather was not justifiable), was the use of deadly force by that officer not in good faith as defined in Instruction No. 17?

Ofc. Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8
 Ofc. Rogers YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8

Interrogatory No. 43: If you found that either officer's use of deadly force against Robert Lightfeather was not justifiable (Interrogatory #40), and was committed either with malice (Interrogatory #41) or not in good faith (Interrogatory #42), did that officer cause the death of Robert Lightfeather by criminal means?

Ofc. Turpin YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8
Ofc. Rogers YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 DID NOT ANSWER 8


DATED this 30th day of Sept., 2022.

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Panel Foreperson


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Panel Member

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#6 Alan Ferial
Panel Member

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#8 Joyce Munnay
Panel Member

Juror No. 1

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>7</u> :	Based on testimony of Nyanjai, and Mendiola. Also the '911 call
Interrogatory No. <u>14</u> :	Based on testimony of Wells, Turpin and Rogers
Interrogatory No. <u>15</u> :	Based on testimony of Nyanjai, Wells, Turpin and Rogers
Interrogatory No. <u>20</u> :	Based on Turbin's testimony It is in In Officer Turbin's testimony, he didn't remember clearly, and there's no other evidence showing he issued it.
Interrogatory No. <u>21</u> :	Same as No. 20

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Interrogatory No. <u>27</u> :	First of all, we are not sure if there's a command or commands given to Mr. Lightfeather. And there's no evidence to tell if Mr. Lightfeather dropped his gun or not.	Lightfeather
Interrogatory No. <u>29</u> :	Based on the dispatch record	
Interrogatory No. <u>30</u> :	Please see No 20 for Sturpin	
Interrogatory No. <u>4</u> :	If "contacted" means when Mr. Lightfeather Mr. Lightfeather first approached Mr. Kangethe and Mr. Nyauji, then the answer would be "unknown"	Kangethe
Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	Although I voted for "NO", I do believe both officers may have opportunity to issue verbal warning. Dfc Turbin managed to take cover and found a better position, which helped him to gain a bit of time, that He can issue the verbal warning during that time, although the verbal warning may won't help	actually managed
whether he issued verbal warning is unknown to me could've	I believe page 2	in this case

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Interrogatory No. <u>21</u> : continue from page <u>2</u>	Likewise, I believe of Rogers warning is feasible in DTC Rogers case as well. shouting out "Drop the gun" is only takes a second. He could have done it while existing out the vehicle. Again, the window for officers to issue verbal warnings is very narrow and limited. And I strongly believe whether if the verbal warning is was given is shouldn't be is the key
Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	
Interrogatory No. <u>33</u> :	
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Juror No. 2

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	<p>I do not believe there was a feasible time for Turpin ^{Reports} to provide a verbal warning even while repositioning, though it was possible he ^{Turpin} said a warning and still possible he could of</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>26</u> :	<p>Could of both caused the death but do not know if Turpin hit Lightfeather.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>39</u> :	<p>Only answered Did Not Answer because 26 26 is unknown. If he did then I believe it was necessary.</p>
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Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	

Juror No. 3

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>22</u> :	<u>Unknown</u> There was no evidence to indicate if verbal commands were given, hence, unknown if Mr. Lightfeather had followed such command.
Interrogatory No. <u>24</u> :	<u>Unknown</u> There was no clear evidence to indicate a bullet from Officer Turpin had strike Robert Lightfeather
Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	<u>Yes</u> Officer Turpin was moving to the back of car and to the passenger side, which gave him the time for verbal warning prior to fire the shot.
Interrogatory No. <u>34</u> :	<u>Did Not Answer</u> Answer for Question 26 is "unknown" for Officer <u>Turpin</u> .
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	

Juror No. 4

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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<p>Interrogatory No. __: 31</p>	<p>TURPIN: NO. WEAPON POINTED AT HIM IN VEHICLE. HEARD GUNSHOTS WHILE MOVING BEHIND VEHICLE ROGERS: NO. WEAPON POINTED AT HIM.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. __: 26</p>	<p>TURPIN: UNKNOWN. DID NOT IDENTIFY TURPIN BULLET IN MR. LIGHTFEATHER ROGERS: YES. BULLET IN R. CHEST IDENTIFIED AS ROGERS.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. __: 37</p>	
<p>Interrogatory No. __:</p>	
<p>Interrogatory No. __:</p>	

Juror No. 5

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>12</u> :	<p>I Believe that Ofc. Rosen's lights were on when clearing the previous intersection, but not when arriving on scene.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>21</u> :	<p>There was no corroborating evidence beyond officer Turpin's testimony to him issuing a warning.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>22</u> :	<p>Evidence suggests Mr. Lightfeather fell on his gun after being shot, and did not drop it from a command.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>24</u> :	<p>There was no compelling evidence that either of Officer Turpin's bullets struck Mr. Lightfeather.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	<p>Turpin had to relocate to reduce risk to Konsethe & Nyanjui, and had time to issue a warning. Rogers issuing a warning would have increased risk to himself from the time it took, and it was therefore not feasible for him to issue the warning.</p>

Juror No. 6

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>12</u> :	<p>Officer Rogers deactivated his lights once he began following officer Turpin's vehicle, which had its lights activated.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>1</u> :	<p>Yes according to the SafeStreets video and testimony from Mr. Nyamjui</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>5</u> :	<p>Yes, he had the gun in his vehicle, and later in his hand at the scene, according to testimony and photographic evidence.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>7</u> :	<p>Mr. Nyamjui's testimony that Mr. Lightfeather pointed his gun at Mr. Kangethe's head was very compelling.</p>
Interrogatory No. <u>20</u> :	<p>Officer Turpin testified that he did, but no other witnesses did so. Perhaps it was not loud enough.</p>

Juror No. 6

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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<p>Interrogatory No. <u>21</u>:</p>	<p>See my response for #20</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>22</u>:</p>	<p>Officer Rogers testified that Mr. Lightfeather had the gun in his hand as he fell.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>24</u>:</p>	<p>No evidence was presented linking the bullets found from Ofc. Turpin's gun to those found in Mr. Lightfeather's body.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>25</u>:</p>	<p>Officer Rogers saw Mr. Lightfeather rack the slide, (as did Ms. Wells) and point the gun at him. Officer Turpin saw the Mr. Lightfeather point the gun at himself one Ms. Wells and heard gun fire.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>26</u>:</p>	<p>Since there there was not definitive evidence that Ofc. Turpin's shots hit Mr. Lightfeather, it's unknown if he caused his death.</p>

Juror No. 6

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>30</u> :	<hr/> <hr/> <p>See #20</p> <hr/> <hr/>
Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	<hr/> <hr/> <p>Once ofc. Turpin began moving to reposition, he could give a warning without increasing risk. Delay by ofc. Rogers to give a warning would have retained increased risk.</p> <hr/> <hr/>
Interrogatory No. <u>35</u> :	<hr/> <hr/> <p>Extraneous word "officers" disregarded</p> <hr/> <hr/>
Interrogatory No. <u>36</u> :	<hr/> <hr/> <p>I found it disconcerting that multiple individuals testified that there was no ride along policy.</p> <hr/> <hr/>
Interrogatory No. <u>33</u> :	<hr/> <hr/> <p>Even if it were feasible to provide a verbal warning, the policy only states it should be given. It would not violate the policy to omit it.</p> <hr/> <hr/>

Juror No. 7

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Juror No. 8

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>31</u> :	I put yes for Turpin because He "believes" he told Lightfeather to drop the gun before he went to the back of the car. Turpin had time No for Rogers because he had to "overcome the resistance"
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