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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
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RE: Death of Isaiah Obet

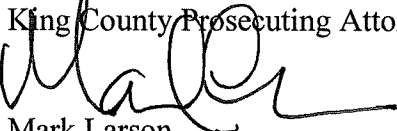
Dear Executive Constantine:

On August 31, 2017 the King County Prosecutor's Office received investigative materials from the Port of Seattle Police Department concerning the shooting death of Isaiah Obet by an Auburn Police Officer on June 10, 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 June 10, 2017, a subject matching the description of Isaiah Obet attempted a home invasion robbery while armed with a knife. Soon after, a couple blocks away, a subject of the same description attempted a carjacking while armed with a knife. Unsuccessful, the subject fled on foot. Auburn Police Officers responded to the area. An officer found Obet attempting an armed carjacking a short distance away from the first two crimes. The officer confronted Obet, who refused to comply with commands to drop the knife. The officer fired two shots striking Obet, and Obet died at the scene. 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
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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
Bob Lee, Auburn Chief of Police