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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
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Re: Death of Curtis E. Tade

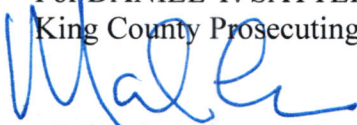
Dear Executive Constantine:

On February 12, 2018, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the King County Sheriff's Office concerning the shooting death of Curtis E. Tade on December 19, 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, on the afternoon of December 19, 2017, emergency calls were made to 911 reporting an altercation at a Kirkland apartment complex. Kirkland police officers responded to the scene. The subject of the complaint, later identified as Curtis E. Tade, had returned to his own apartment by the time officers arrived. As officers interviewed witnesses and the reporting party, the suspect returned to the parking lot with a rifle. An officer gave commands to drop the weapon, but the suspect did not comply. The same officer fired his sidearm 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: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police, City of Kirkland