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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
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Re: Death of Iosia M. Faletogo

Dear Executive Constantine:

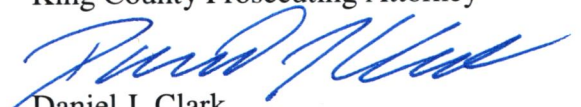
On April 8, 2019, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the Washington State Patrol concerning the shooting death of Iosia M. Faletogo on December 31, 2018. Pursuant to the latest Executive Order on the inquest process (PHL-7-1-2-EO), this office has reviewed 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 evening of December 31, 2018, Seattle police officers made a traffic stop along Aurora Ave N. The first officers on scene called for backup to the traffic stop. When backup arrived, the driver, later identified as Iosia Faletogo, fled the vehicle. Faletogo led SPD officers on a foot chase. Officers caught up to Faletogo and attempted to restrain him. During the struggle, Faletogo produced a gun from his waistband. The gun fell to the ground. Faletogo continued to resist arrest and is alleged to have been reaching for the gun despite the officers' commands to stop reaching. An officer fired his weapon striking Faletogo who died on scene.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1174. 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



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cc: Carmen Best, Chief, Seattle Police Department