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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 Jason Seavers

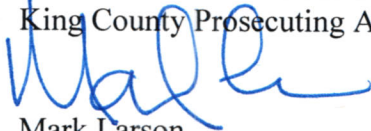
Dear Executive Constantine:

On October 24, 2018, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the Seattle Police Department concerning the shooting death of Jason Seavers on February 19, 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, during the early hours of February 19, 2018, police were dispatched to an attempted auto theft in Northeast Seattle. The suspect, later identified as Jason Seavers, was in the driver's seat of the vehicle when police arrived. The suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot. As officers pursued, the suspect fired a handgun back towards the officers. A perimeter was set up as officers searched for the suspect during that time. The suspect entered a nearby home and stole a vehicle from the residence. The vehicle was rammed by pursuing police and crashed a few blocks away. The suspect locked himself in the vehicle and was reaching around the floorboards while ignoring officers' commands. An officer fired his weapon striking the suspect who later died on 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: Carmen Best, Chief, Seattle Police Department