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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
Chinook Building
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Re: Death of Derek Luis Antonio Sanchez

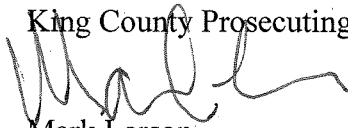
Dear Executive Constantine:

On October 17, 2019, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the King County Sheriff's Office concerning the shooting death of Derek Luis Antonio Sanchez on July 13, 2019. Pursuant to the 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 of an individual involving a member of any law enforcement agency within King County while in the performance of the member's duties."

In this instance, on the morning of July 13, 2019, Kirkland police officers responded to a domestic violence call that included the endangerment of a young child. Officers arrived on scene, a greenspace behind a shopping center, to find Derek Sanchez in a tent and holding the child. Earlier, Sanchez had indicated that he would harm the child if the child's mother would not meet his demands for money and drugs. After attempts at negotiation failed, officers entered the tent. Sanchez escalated and appeared to be harming the child. In response, an officer fired his weapon. Medical aid pronounced Sanchez 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