

KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Dow Constantine  
King County Executive  
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800  
Chinook Building  
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Law Enforcement Use of Force Fatality Regarding Derek Hayden

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the Seattle Police Department Force Investigation Team, concerning the officer-involved shooting of Derek Hayden on February 16, 2021.

In accordance with Executive Order PHL-7-1-5-EO §7.1, we are satisfied that the investigation is now complete and recommend that an inquest be initiated pursuant to the King County Charter §895, which requires a mandatory inquest unless, under PHL-7-1-5-EO §6.1, you determine that the role of law enforcement was de minimis and did not contribute in any discernable way to a person's death.

Per PHL-7-1-5-EO §8.4, upon your request, we will forward the investigative file to the Inquest Program Manager. Such requests can be sent to [PAOPublicIntegrity@kingcounty.gov](mailto:PAOPublicIntegrity@kingcounty.gov).

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 LEESA MANION  
King County Prosecuting Attorney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. Clark".

Daniel J. Clark  
Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Mainstream Criminal Division

Enclosure: Internal Memorandum

cc: Adrian Diaz, Chief of Police, Seattle Police Department  
Elizabeth Kennedy, Detective, Seattle Police Department  
James Bush, Communications Specialist, King County Executive's Office  
Chase Gallagher, Communications Director, King County Executive's Office  
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