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February 7, 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 Derrick Ellis

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the Valley Independent Investigation Team – Des Moines Police Department, concerning the officer-involved shooting of Derrick Ellis on September 10, 2022.

After a careful review of these materials, we are satisfied that the investigation is now complete. Pursuant to Executive Order PHL-7-1-5-EO, we recommend an inquest be initiated because we have not identified any factors or circumstances under §6.1, or any other reasons, that indicate that an inquest is not warranted.

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

Daniel J. Clark
Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Mainstream Criminal Division

Enclosure: Internal Memorandum

cc: Sheriff Patti Cole-Tindall, King County Sheriff's Office
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