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November 20, 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 Joseph Ejeh

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the King County Independent Force Investigation Team (King County Sheriff's Office acting as lead agency in this investigation), concerning the officer-involved shooting of Joseph Ejeh on December 5, 2023. Sherrif sheriff

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

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

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