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January 28, 2025

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 Franklin Ross

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the Valley Independent Investigation Team concerning the use of force fatality of Franklin Ross on November 16, 2023.

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.

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 (she/her),
King County Prosecuting Attorney

Daniel J. Clark
Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Mainstream Criminal Division

cc:
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