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The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
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Re: Death of Kyle M. Gray

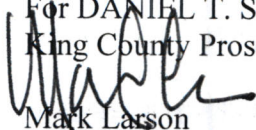
Dear Executive Constantine:

On June 4, 2019, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the Seattle Police Department concerning the shooting death of Kyle M. Gray on December 11, 2017. 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 evening of December 11, 2017, the Seattle Police Department received report of a suspect brandishing a gun while robbing a mall clothing store. A short time later, SPD received report of a suspect firing a gun at the owner of a nearby private parking lot. It was determined from video footage that the suspect in both reports was the same person, Kyle M. Gray. A female subject accompanied Gray that evening at both the mall and parking lot. She made contact with SPD, and officers were able to apprehend her at a nearby grocery store. While speaking with the female subject, SPD officers identified Gray's vehicle in the parking lot of the grocery store. Backup was called to contact the driver. When officers approached the vehicle, the driver took off at high speed. Officers pursued the vehicle through north Seattle. While fleeing, the driver fired several rounds at a pursuing patrol officer. The vehicle crashed at the entrance to a wooded city park. Officers continued pursuit on foot and found Gray lying in the bushes a short distance away. Gray stood up but did not respond to officers' commands to put up his hands. When it appeared that Gray was reaching for his gun, officers fired their weapons, striking Gray multiple times. Officers began lifesaving efforts, however Gray died a short time later.

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: Carmen Best, City of Seattle Chief of Police