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

Re: Death of Jesus Hernandez-Murillo

Dear Executive Constantine:

On September 16, 2019, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office received investigative materials from the King County Sheriff's Office concerning the shooting death of Jesus Hernandez-Murillo on July 26, 2018. 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 morning of July 26, 2018, a King County Sheriff's Deputy pulled into a Sound Transit parking garage as part of his routine patrol duty. The deputy identified two occupied, stolen cars and requested backup. One car exited the garage. Maneuvering his own patrol vehicle, the deputy was able to prevent the second stolen car from leaving. The deputy approached the car and gave commands for the occupants to put their hands up. The deputy began placing the driver, later identified as Jesus Hernandez-Murillo, in handcuffs. While being removed from the car, Hernandez-Murillo produced a rifle. The deputy attempted to take the rifle and a struggle ensued. During the struggle the deputy fired his weapon. Medical aid was called to the scene. Hernandez-Murillo was pronounced deceased at Harborview Hospital later that morning.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the typed name.

Mark Larson  
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Sheriff