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The Honorable Jim Rogers
Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court
King County Courthouse, East 942
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Order of Inquest into the death of Eugene Dewan Nelson

Honorable Judge Rogers,

Under the authority of RCW 36.24.020, I hereby order an inquest into the shooting death of Eugene Dewan Nelson by a Kent Police Officer on August 9, 2017. I respectfully request that Superior Court provide a courtroom for the inquest and persons to serve as a jury of inquest.

As background, on September 26, 2017, I sent a letter regarding an inquest into the death of Mr. Nelson to the Honorable Donna Tucker, Presiding Judge, King County District Court. This letter is sent to you today to initiate this inquest consistent with the requirements found in *BNSF Railway Company v. Thomas Clark, et. al.*, 192 Wn.2d 832 (2019).

Please coordinate the scheduling of this matter with my Inquest Program Manager, Dee Sylve.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

cc: Rafael Padilla, Chief of Police, Kent Police Department
The Honorable Dan Satterberg, King County Prosecuting Attorney (KCPAO)
Mark Larson, Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, KCPAO
Dee Sylve, Inquest Program Manager, King County Department of Executive Services
Alex Fryer, Director of Communications, KCEO
Todd Maybrow, Allen, Hansen and Maybrow, Attorney for the family of Eugene Dewan Nelson
Jeremy Culumber, Keating, Bucklin and McCormack, Attorney for Officer Jacob Reed