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INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF EUGENE D. NELSON # 417IQ2075

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Family of the decedent:	Attorney Teri Rogers Kemp
Law enforcement officers:	Officer Jacob Reed Officer John Waldo Attorney Jeremy Culumber
Employing government department:	Kent Police Department Attorney Jeremy Culumber
Administrator:	Robert McBeth assisted by Inquest Program Attorney Claire Thornton

The Inquest Administrator previously reviewed the demand from the Honda of Burien for the return of the 2015 Audi 4D, VIN #WAUACGFFSF1005002, which was being held by the Renton Police Department, and, on May 11, 2022, and issued an Order declaring that said vehicle was not a necessary piece of evidence for the purposes of the Inquest Hearing, and, therefore, made no claim to hold the vehicle for purposes of the inquest into the death of Mr. Eugene Nelson.

The Inquest Administrator is in receipt of a Motion for Reconsideration of that Order from the Family, asserting that the said Audi vehicle might be evidence relevant to litigation that might “be used in a criminal case [if] charges are filed.”

The Inquest Administrator appreciates the Family’s concerns, but again finds that the vehicle is not needed for the Inquest Proceeding, but may be needed in a separate proceeding depending on the Inquest Jury’s verdict. A separate request was made that, if the Motion for Reconsideration was denied, that the Audi be held for time for counsel to review the evidence, including viewing the evidence.

Unfortunately, it appears that the aforementioned Audi 4D has already been released to the legal owner and is no longer available to be held pending potential litigation that might follow this Inquest proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE, the Motion for Reconsideration must accordingly be DENIED.

DATED: May 23, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert McBeth".

Robert McBeth
Inquest Administrator