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PRE-INQUEST CONFERENCE ORDER

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DAMARIUS DEMONTA BUTTS INQUEST # 517IQ0713

PARTIES PRESENT:

The Administrator, having considered Seattle Police Department's Objections to Family's Requested Topics to be Addressed by Chief Cordner and Captain Teeter and the Family's responses thereto, hereby orders that the Family's request to interview on listed subject is:¹

3. SPD's process or informing officers of new and/or updated policies. **Denied.**
8. SPD De-escalation Policy (8.100) –
 - vi. Explanation of whether and in what circumstances the substance of SPD's de-escalation policy applies to instances when suspects are believed to be have a gun. **Granted over obj. IA will hear motions in limine if necessary, as to scope the witness's testimony in light of scope of the interview questions.**
9. SPD Use of Force Policy (8.200)
 - vi. What is the application of this policy to fleeing suspects? **Granted over obj. IA will hear motions in limine if necessary, as to scope the witness's testimony in light of scope of the interview questions.**
 - vii. What is the application of this policy to armed suspects? **Granted over obj. IA will hear motions in limine if necessary, as to scope the witness's testimony in light of scope of the interview questions.**

¹ Numbering is based off SPD's Objections. Requests that are not considered were either withdrawn by the family or agreed to by SPD.

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- ix. Provide an explanation subsection 6, regarding officers rendering medical aid **Granted.**
 - x. Provide an explanation of subsection 7, regarding requesting medical aid **Granted.**
10. Please provide a witness who can testify regarding SPD's general training practices, including:
- a. Procedure used by SPD to ensure each training meets the requirements set forth in SPD's policy regarding training. **Denied.**
 - b. Explanation of SPD's participation requirements of individual officers. **Granted.**
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 - d. Explanation of general requirements of training for new SPD officers. **Granted as to new training offered to each IO.**
 - e. Recertification expectations for SPD officers. **Denied.**
11. Please provide a witness who can testify regarding the following trainings:
- a. SPD Use of Force, specifically:
 - v. Whether, under this training, use of force broadly permitted anytime a suspect has a firearm. **Granted over obj. IA will hear motions in limine if necessary, as to scope the witness's testimony in light of scope of the interview questions.**
 - b. SPD Post-BLEA de-escalation, specifically:
 - v. Whether concepts learned during this de-escalation training are applicable if a suspect is believed to have a gun. **Granted over obj. IA will hear motions in limine if necessary, as to scope the witness's testimony in light of scope of the interview questions.**
 - vi.
12. What is Direction #15-00035 – "Failure to Follow Training is Not a Policy Violation"? **Granted over obj. IA will hear motions in limine if necessary, as to scope the witness's testimony in light of scope of the interview questions.**

DATED November 7, 2019



Michael Spearman
Administrator