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**PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ORDER**

**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ROBERT LIGHTFEATHER  
INQUEST # 17IQ16588**

**PARTIES:**

Family of the Robert Lightfeather: Represented by Teri Rogers Kemp

Law enforcement officers: Federal Way Police Department Officers Tyler Turpin and Austin Rogers, represented by Thomas Miller

Employing government department: Federal Way Police Department, represented by Thomas Miller

Administrator: Robert McBeth, assisted by Matt Anderson

The Inquest Administrator (IA), having presided over a Pre-Hearing Conference on June 16, 2022, considered the briefing submitted by the parties on June 8 and 13, as well as their comments on June 16 and having reviewed the discovery produced thus far in this matter, and having RESERVED the issue of inclusion of or exclusion of RWPD Policy 1.3.5 (A) requiring that aid be requested and facilitated in certain circumstances from the Policy Scope of this Inquest, hereby rules as follows:

**Policy Scope: The inclusion or exclusion of FWPD Policy 1.3.5(A) requiring that aid be requested and facilitated in certain circumstances from the Policy Scope of this inquest**

The Executive Order defines the scope, testimony and jury interrogatories relating to policy and training:

The panel shall also make findings regarding whether the law enforcement officer complied with applicable law enforcement agency training and policy as they relate to the death.

EO App 2, section 14.1, see also section 3.2 and 12.1.

The FWPD manual in effect at the time of this incident required that a medical response be requested “immediately” if there is “significant injury” and that officers shall make “every effort to facilitate the rendering of aid to an injured person while maintaining necessary control of the person for safety reasons.” Lightfeather\_R 00949.

The Medical Examiner has been interviewed in this matter and is expected to provide testimony that Mr. Lightfeather died at the very latest, within 30 seconds of the shots being fired and that no aid available at the scene could have prevented the death. No other evidence contradicts this. Dispatch recordings show that a request for medical aid and reference to needing to stage Aid were made by responding officers within a minute of the shooting and prior to Mr. Lightfeather being taken into custody.

Testimony will be allowed describing any attempts to request or facilitate aid because they constitute facts and circumstances attending the death. Because the expected evidence demonstrates that the request for aid and any efforts to facilitate the rendering aid could not have averted Mr. Lightfeather’s death, however, the Inquest Administrator finds that FWPD policy on requesting and facilitating aid is outside the policy scope in this Inquest and the jury will not answer interrogatories determining whether the Officers complied with policies and training on rendering and facilitating medical aid.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert McBeth".

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Robert McBeth  
Inquest Administrator