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October 16, 2017

The Honorable Donna Tucker  
Presiding Judge, King County District Court  
King County Courthouse, W-1034  
516 Third Ave.  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: **Death of Charleena C. Lyles**

Dear Judge Tucker:

I hereby order an inquest into the shooting death of Charleena Lyles by Seattle Police Officers on June 18, 2017. I request that a judge be assigned to conduct the inquest. My decision is based on a recommendation by the Prosecuting Attorney that this case meets the conditions outlined in Executive Order (PHL 7-1-1) requiring an inquest. The Prosecuting Attorney's recommendation is enclosed.

Please contact Mark Larson, Assistant Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, at 206-477-1970, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: Carmen Best, Deputy Chief, Seattle Police Department  
The Honorable Dan Satterberg, King County Prosecuting Attorney (KCPAO)  
Mark Larson, Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, KCPAO  
Gail Stone, Law & Justice Policy Advisor, King County Executive Office (KCEO)  
Alex Fryer, Director of Communications, KCEO

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October 12, 2017

The Honorable Dow Constantine  
King County Executive  
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RE: Death of Charleena C. Lyles

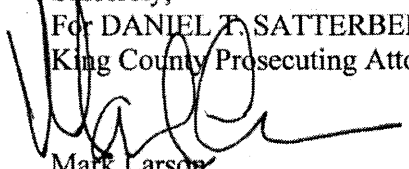
Dear Executive Constantine:

On October 11, 2017, the King County Prosecutor's Office received the investigative materials from the Seattle Police Department concerning the shooting death of Charleena Lyles by Seattle Police Officers on June 18, 2017. Pursuant to Executive Order (PHL 7-1-1), this office has reviewed those materials and recommends that an inquest be ordered. The Executive's Order mandates an inquest to investigate "any death involving a member of any law enforcement agency within King County while in the performance of his/her duties."

In this instance, on the morning of June 18, 2017, two Seattle Police Officers were dispatched to investigate a reported burglary at Ms. Lyles' home. Ms. Lyles let them inside and the officers began the process of taking her report. Officers report that Ms. Lyles suddenly displayed two knives and made threatening remarks and gestures. The officers gave verbal commands to drop the knives. When Ms. Lyles did not comply, they both fired their weapons. The officers immediately began life-saving measures. Paramedics were called and continued resuscitation efforts, but Ms. Lyles died at the scene. I would be happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter in further detail.

If you agree that an inquest should be held in this matter, we shall assign a deputy prosecutor. Please contact our office with your decision as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1970.

Sincerely,  
For DANIEL T. SATTERBERG,  
King County Prosecuting Attorney

  
Mark Larson  
Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Gail Stone, Law and Justice Policy Advisor, King County Executive Office  
James Bush, Executive Program Assistant II, King County Executive Office  
The Honorable Donna Tucker, King County District Court  
Carmen Best, Deputy Chief, Seattle Police Department