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*Via email*

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Re: Inquest into the death of Charleena Lyles

Dear Mr. Larson and Ms. Stone:

We are in receipt of K.C. Executive Constantine's order for inquest.

Please be advised that the paternal side (Charles Lyles) family members of Charleena Lyles continue to be represented by my office and Ed Moore with respect to the inquest. We formally filed a notice of appearance which is reattached. Our legal team also represents the Estate of Charleena Lyles through Personal Representative Commissioner Eric Watness and her children through Guardian Ad Litem Karen Clark in a wrongful death suit filed against the officers and City.

The superior court dismissed the case as against the police officers and stayed the case against the city while the matter is on appeal. The Lyles children remain under the authority of the State of Washington and are currently placed together in California with their paternal great aunt, Charles Lyles' sister.

Please ensure that all communication with respect to the inquest continue to be provided to our offices. Please also work with us to schedule the inquest at a time when we will be able to attend.

Thank you for your attention and courtesies.

Mark Larson  
Gail Stone  
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Koehler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KAREN KOEHLER

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Enclosure

cc:

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