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PRE-INQUEST CONFERENCE ORDER

**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF CHARLEENA LYLES
517IQ9301**

PARTIES:

- Family of the decedent: Maternal family of Charleena Lyles, represented by Corey Guilmette and Prachi Dave
Paternal family of Charleena Lyles, represented by Karen Koehler and Edward H. Moore
- Law enforcement officers: Seattle Police Department Officer Steven McNew, represented by Karen Cobb
Seattle Police Department Officer Jason Anderson, represented by Ted Buck (officers not present at this hearing)
- Employing government department: Seattle Police Department, represented by Ghazal Sharifi, Jeff Wolf, Rebecca Boatright present as Chief Carmen Best’s representative
- Administrator: Michael Spearman assisted by Matt Anderson

The Administrator, having presided over the Pre-Inquest Conference on October 22, 2019 and having heard from the parties, hereby orders the following:

- 1. Next pre-inquest conference:** The next pre-inquest conference is scheduled for February 14, 2020 in a courtroom to be determined.

2. **Inquest date:** The inquest in this matter is hereby set for August 24, 2020, in a courtroom to be determined. Parties shall reserve two weeks of time for completion of the inquest.
3. **Camera and Recording Devices at the Inquest Hearing** – Pre-inquest conferences have been audio recorded. The Administrator proposes that the inquest proceedings be live-streamed and that the attached Proposed Order Governing Camera and Recording Devices govern recording at the inquest hearing. The administrator invites comments, objections and requests from any concerned party, media organization or person at the next Pre-Inquest Conference. Written submissions, if any, shall be provided as indicated, below.
4. **Discovery Ordered and Agreed:** The discovery agreed to and ordered by the October 30, 2019 Scope and Discovery Order shall be provided by SPD with all due haste, but in any event, no later than January 3, 2020.
5. **Mental Health Stipulation:** The Family shall propose a stipulation as authorized by the October 30, 2019 Scope and Discovery Order, together with all documentation supporting the proposed stipulation, by December 9, 2019. SPD and the Officers shall respond by January 10, 2019, including any discovery they deem necessary.
6. **Expert Witnesses:** Any party intending to call an expert witness to testify shall provide their identity by December 16, 2019. A schedule for production of the material required under Civil Rule 26(a)(5)(a)(i), and a schedule for declaring responsive experts and for briefing objections to calling such witnesses will be provided at a later time.
7. **Proposed Witness List:** Each Party shall provide a list of factual witnesses (as opposed to Policy and Training) they ask the IA to call, together with a short summary of the expected testimony, by January 3, 2019. Objections to the inclusion or exclusion of a witness by other parties, together with reasons for those objections, shall be provided by January 24, 2019.
8. **Witness Interviews:** The family shall provide a list of any officers they wish to interview by December 16, 2019. SPD shall indicate by December 23rd, 2019 if any officers are no longer with SPD. SPD shall indicate which officers have elected to be represented by SPD, and which officers have agreed to or declined the interview requests by January 3, 2020
9. **Testimony on Policy and Training:** SPD has proposed that the requirement that the chief law enforcement officer of the involved agency provide testimony concerning training and policy be satisfied via the Testimony of Deputy Chief Corder on policy and a number of subject matter experts on training. SPD shall provide notice of each witness they propose to offer on those issues by January 3, 2020. The Family shall provide notice of objection(s), if any, to SPD's proposed witnesses by January 17, 2020. Briefing may be scheduled if necessary.

10. Case Schedule: The court shall hear from the parties regarding a case schedule, including discovery, a deadline for the Officers to determine if they will testify, proposed interrogatories, instructions and *voir dire* at the next Pre-Inquest Hearing. The IA may solicit written proposals prior.

DATED November 19, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Spearman', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael Spearman
Inquest Administrator