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INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF CHARLEENA LYLES # 517IQ9301

ORDER ON MOTIONS IN LIMINE June 16, 2022

Family of the decedent:	Family of Charleena Lyles, represented by Karen Koehler and Melanie Nguyen
Law enforcement officers:	Seattle Police Department Officers Steven McNew and Jason Anderson represented by Ted Buck and Karen Cobb
Employing government department:	Seattle Police Department, represented by Ghazal Sharifi and Rebecca Widen
Administrator:	Michael Spearman assisted by Inquest Program Attorney, Claire Thornton

The Administrator, having reviewed the Motions in Limine submitted by the parties and the Family's response, hereby orders the following:

1. Counsel shall avoid asking repetitious questions.
2. Counsel shall not ask questions about any unrelated uses of force by the Involved Officers or prior discipline of the Involved Officers. Nor shall counsel inquire about or introduce evidence of Ms. Lyles's prior arrests or criminal history.
3. Counsel shall not inquire as to the Garrity admonishment or its underlying rationale.
4. Detective Dewey may relate what the Involved Officers were asked to draw and identify what was drawn in response to the question, but he may not be asked to interpret the drawing.

5. Counsel generally may not ask Detective Dewey to speculate about what he could have done differently during the Force Investigation, but any questions about whether Detective Dewey deviated from standard practice or overlooked something are permissible as it may go to his credibility.
6. Detective Dewey may not be asked to draw conclusions about whether the Involved Officers' actions in this incident were consistent with policy/training.
7. Counsel shall not inquire or introduce evidence regarding the civil case and settlement.
8. Counsel shall not make any reference to any subsequent remedial measures by SPD.
9. Counsel shall not make any reference to the 2011 DOJ Report and the Consent Decree.
10. Counsel may ask about the bias-free policing training and what the Involved Officers may have learned from it, but because in this case, contact was not initiated by the officers, no questions about potential racial bias of the Involved Officers are permitted without some showing, outside the presence of the jury, that such bias impacted any actions taken by the Involved Officers in this case.
11. A ruling regarding the extent to which Ms. Lyles's mental health is an issue was made on October 30, 2019. It need not be further addressed here.
12. No evidence or testimony regarding Ms. Lyles's children's current status shall be elicited without the Administrator's prior approval.

DATED: June 16, 2022



Inquest Administrator Michael Spearman