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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 and Anu Zangri

The Inquest Administrator, having presided over a Pre-Hearing Conference on September 22, 2022, having considered a brief submitted by Counsel for the involved officers and Federal Way PD, having considered the responses of potential jurors to questions regarding their fitness to serve and having considered the comments of counsel, hereby orders the following:

- 1) **Jury Panel:** Jurors 1, 4, 5, 8, 13, 15, 17 and 35 are hereby selected to serve. Jurors 39 and 49 are reserved until such time as the selected jurors confirm their availability. The remaining jurors are excused.
- 2) **Viewing and attending the proceedings** – Having considered the current risks relating to COVID-19 and the effects such risks have had on this and previous inquests’ ability to proceed, in-person attendance by the general public will not be allowed. Requests for an exception will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The proceedings will be livestreamed

via a link available at the [Robert D. Lightfeather Inquest Page](#). Media attendance will be governed by the [2022 General Order](#). Recordings of the proceedings will be available via a link available at the [Robert D. Lightfeather Inquest Page](#) as provided in the [2022 General Order](#). Masks will be required for all participants throughout the Inquest proceedings; witnesses may take off their masks while testifying.

- 3) **Interrogatories** – A ruling on whether to include the additional interrogatories proposed by the Administrator since the last Pre-Hearing Conference is reserved until after the testimony that will determine their relevance is heard.
- 4) **Involved Officer Testimony** – Officer Rogers has indicated that he will testify. Officer Turpin must indicate by the end of the lunch break on Wednesday September 28, 2022 if he will refuse to answer each particular question previously indicated by the Inquest Program Attorney (Indicating that he will not invoke his Fifth Amendment rights when called to testify prior satisfies this requirement). The Family must indicate by the start of the morning session on Thursday, September 29 if they wish to be heard on whether Officer Turpin should be able to refuse any such question.
- 5) **Family Statement and in-life photo** – The Administrator will read the Family Statement describing Mr. Lightfeather, subject to the redactions provided by the Administrator on September 6, 2022 during the introductory instructions in this matter. The objections raised by the Involved Officers and FWPD at this hearing are overruled. The statement is directly from Mr. Lightfeather’s family and is describing the qualities that they valued about him and will be clearly identified as such. It is unlikely that any juror will be surprised that his family saw good in Mr. Lightfeather and the risk of any conceivable prejudice is outweighed by the value that should be placed on demonstrating the respect that should be shown to all human life. The photo provided by the family on September 12, 2022 will be displayed to the jury (without objection) as that statement is read.
- 6) **Exhibits 140 and 143** – have been approved as to form and added to the Exhibit List.
- 7) **An inquest coordinator will perform the task of publishing all electronic exhibits** – Any requests for an exception to this policy will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2022.



Robert McBeth
Inquest Administrator