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The Honorable Patrick Oishi
Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court
King County Courthouse, East 942
516 Third Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Order of Inquest into the death of Joseph Peppan, No. 18IQ37295

Dear Judge Oishi:

Under the authority of RCW 36.24.020, I hereby order an inquest into the death of Joseph Peppan. I respectfully request that Superior Court provide a courtroom for the inquest and persons to serve as a jury of inquest.

This letter is sent to you today to initiate this inquest consistent with the requirements found in *BNSF Railway Company v. Thomas Clark, et. al.*, 192 Wn.2d 832 (2019).

Please coordinate the scheduling of this matter with the Inquest Program Manager, Dee Sylve.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
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cc: Patti Cole-Tindall, Sheriff, King County Sheriff's Office
Dan Satterberg, King County Prosecuting Attorney (KCPAO)
Dan Clark, Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, KCPAO
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