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INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JASON S. SEEVERS INQUEST # 18IQ61954

ORDER CONTINUING INQUEST HEARING

IA Garratt has received the Family's emailed request for a continuance of the Inquest hearing to retain a new use of force expert. IA Garratt has also received SPD's emailed objection to the continuance, arguing that the Family "has had ample time to consult and prepare their case in this matter."

IA Garratt is **granting** the Family's request for a continuance. The Executive Order mandates inquests be transparent, full, and fair inquiries into law enforcement-caused deaths. It also allows for parties to proffer their own witnesses, including experts. The 18-month deadline for the Seavers inquest is in March 2024. IA Garratt believes allowing the Family additional time to locate, consult with, and potentially offer for testimony, a new use of force expert is appropriate and falls within the parameters of the Executive Order.

IA Garratt proposes a new start date during the week of May 30, 2023, with anticipated deliberations to be done by June 9, 2023. The parties are to work with IPA Zangri to determine if these dates will work for everyone, including witnesses, and also to set a new Pre-Hearing Conference date. The current PHC on March 9, 2023, is stricken.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2023

Julia Garratt
Inquest Administrator