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INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JASON SEEVERS

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INTERROGATORIES TO THE INQUEST JURY

DATED _____ day of April, 2023.

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**INTERROGATORIES ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CAUSES OF THE DEATH OF
JASON SEAVERS**

Interrogatory No. 1: At approximately 4:28am, did Seattle Police Department (SPD) Officers Knoblauch and Tucker respond to a 911 call for a report of a vehicle prowl or attempted auto theft as the reporting party advised that the suspect was tampering with the vehicle's ignition?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 2: Did Officer Knoblauch see Jason Seavers in the driver's seat of a vehicle after he arrived on the street outside in response to the 911 call?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 3: Did Officer Knoblauch see Jason Seavers get out of the vehicle?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 4: Did Jason Seavers fire gunshots in Officer Knoblauch's direction?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 5: Did Officer Knoblauch fire shots back at Jason Seavers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 6: Did Officers Knoblauch and/or Tucker inform dispatch that Jason Seavers fired shots?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 7: Did Officer Schickler respond to a "shots fired" and "help the Officer" dispatch?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 8: Did Officers Knoblauch and/or Tucker another officer describe the initial shooting to Officer Schickler?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 9: Did many officers, including Officer Schickler, join a search to locate Jason Seavers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 10: Did Jason Seavers enter Albert Geary's home without permission and demand his Volkswagen Jetta car keys at gunpoint?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 11: Did Officer Schickler hear dispatch report that an officer heard breaking glass and believe that Jason Seavers had attempted to break into a residence ?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 12: Was Jason Seavers in Albert Geary's Volkswagen Jetta station wagon when located by officers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 13: Did officers believe that Jason Seavers was trying to evade them while driving?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 14: Did one or more officers ram the vehicle Jason Seavers was in to stop it?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 15: Did the vehicle Jason Seavers drove come to a stop on a planting strip near the intersection in the 5500 block of 26th Ave. NE?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 16: Did officers surround the vehicle Jason Seavers was in and struggle to break the windows of the vehicle to gain entry?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 17: Did Officer Grayson shout out to other officers that Jason Seavers' hands were clear "at the moment" at some point prior to Officer Schickler firing his gun?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Answer Interrogatories No. 18 and 19 only if you answered "Yes" to Interrogatory No.

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Interrogatory No. 18: Was officer Schickler present after the statement by Officer Grayson?
(contingent)

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 19 Did Jason Seavers continue to search through the car after the statement by Officer Grayson?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 20: Did officers command Jason Seavers to show his hands, to not move, to stop digging and/or to not do anything stupid, or words to that effect?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 21: Were Officer Schickler and the other officers present at the vehicle clearly identifiable as police officers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 22: Did Officer Schickler see Jason Seavers moving and discarding items as he looked for something?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 23: Did Officer Schickler repeatedly order Jason Seavers: “stop reaching,” “don’t do it,” or words to that effect?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 24: Did any officer, including Officer Schickler, see a gun in the car prior to Officer Schickler firing his gun at Jason Seavers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 25: Did Jason Seavers ever obey any commands given by any officer?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 26: Did Officer Schickler believe that Jason Seavers was looking for a firearm?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 27: Did Officer Schickler fear Jason Seavers would find the firearm and shoot Officer Schickler or the surrounding officers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 28: Did any officer succeed in breaking the window of the Volkswagen Jetta in an attempt to gain entry before Officer Schickler fired his weapon?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 29: Did bullets fired by Officer Schickler's handgun strike and kill Jason Seavers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 30: Were the wounds to Jason Seavers' torso left to right, upward and back to front?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 31: Was Jason Seavers facing Officer Schickler when he was shot?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 32: Was Jason Seavers reaching into the front footwells of the vehicle where a firearm was ultimately found when he was shot?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 33: Was Officer Schickler's body worn video (BWV) covered by his coat when he fired shots at Jason Seavers?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 34: Did Officer Schickler intentionally obstruct his body worn video (BWV) when he fired shots at Jason Seavers?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 35: Did officers promptly provide and request medical aid after Jason Seavers was struck by bullets?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 36: Was there any chance that aid could have kept Jason Seavers alive at the scene?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 37: Was Shawn Peterson's pistol stolen from his vehicle near the area of the car prowls that Officers Knoblauch and Tucker responded to?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 38: Did officers find the firearm owned by Shawn Peterson on the driver's seat floorboard in the Volkswagen Jetta station wagon?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 39: Did Jason Seavers have opiates, amphetamines, and methamphetamines in his system at the time of his death?

YES ____ NO ____ UNKNOWN ____

Interrogatory No. 40: Did Officer Schickler believe that Jason Seavers had any controlled substances

in his system?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

INTERROGATORIES ABOUT SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND TRAINING

Interrogatory No. 41: Did the **SPD Policy 8.100 DE-ESCALATION** apply to the actions of Officer Schickler?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 42: If you found that the **SPD Policy 8.100 DE-ESCALATION** applied to the actions of Officer Schickler during the course of this incident, were his actions consistent with the that policy?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 43: If you found that the **SPD Policy 8.100 DE-ESCALATION** applied to the actions of Officer Schickler during the course of this incident, were his actions consistent with the SPD training he received on De-Escalation?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 44: Did the **SPD Policy 8.200 USE OF FORCE (Sections 1, 3, and 4)** apply to the actions of Officer Schickler in this instance?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Answer Interrogatories No. 45 - 48 only if you find that SPD Policy 8.200 – Use of Deadly Force (Sections 1, 3 and 4) applied to Officer Schickler’s actions in this instance (Interrogatory No. 44)

Interrogatory No. 45: Was the force used by Officer Schickler objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional to the threat or urgency of the situation, to achieve a law enforcement objective?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 46: At the time that Officer Schickler fired his handgun, did he reasonably believe that there was an imminent threat of death or serious physical injury to Officer Schickler or others?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 47: Were Officer Schickler’s actions consistent with the **SPD Policy 8.200 USE OF**

FORCE (Sections 1, 3, and 4)?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 48: Were Officer Schickler's actions consistent with the SPD training he received on **SPD Policy 8.200 USE OF FORCE (Sections 1, 3, and 4)?**

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 49: Did the **SPD Policy 8.300-POL-4 Use of Force – FIREARMS (Section 7)** apply to the actions of Officer Schickler in this instance?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 50: Did Officer Schickler issue a verbal warning, that a firearm will be shot, to Jason Seavers and fellow officers prior to shooting his firearm?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 51: Did Officer Schickler reasonably believe that issuing a verbal warning prior to shooting would have compromised the safety of Officer Schickler or others?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 52: Were Officer Schickler's actions consistent with the **SPD Policy 8.300-POL-4 Use of Force – FIREARMS (Section 7)?**

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 53: Were Officer Schickler's actions consistent with the SPD training he received on **SPD Policy 8.300-POL-4 Use of Force – FIREARMS (Section 7)?**

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

INTERROGATORIES ABOUT WHETHER JASON SEEVERS' DEATH WAS OCCASIONED BY CRIMINAL MEANS

Interrogatory No. 54: Was Officer Schickler firing his handgun necessary to overcome actual resistance to the orders from any officer?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 55: Was Officer Schickler firing his handgun necessary to arrest or apprehend Jason Seavers?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 56: Did Officer Schickler reasonably believe that Jason Seavers had committed or attempted to commit a felony?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 57: Did Officer Schickler have probable cause to believe that Jason Seavers, if not apprehended, posed a threat of serious physical harm to the officer or others?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 58: Was the use of deadly force justifiable as defined in Jury Instruction No. 10 or No. 11?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Answer Interrogatory No. 59 only if you answered "NO" to Interrogatory No. 58

Interrogatory No. 59: Was Officer Schickler's use of force without malice and with a good faith believe that such force was justifiable?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

Interrogatory No. 60: Did Officer Schickler cause the death of Jason Seavers by criminal means (as defined in Jury Instruction #22)?

YES _____ NO _____ UNKNOWN _____ DID NOT ANSWER _____

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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