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ORDER

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DAMARIUS DEMONTA BUTTS # 517IQ0713

Family of the decedent:	Mother of Damarius Demonta Butts represented by Adrien Leavitt and La Rond Baker
Law enforcement officers:	Seattle Police Department Officers Elizabeth Kennedy, Christopher Myers, Joshua Vaaga and Canek Gordillo represented by Evan Bariault and Ted Buck
Employing government department:	Seattle Police Department, represented by Ghazal Sharifi, Erika Evans, Rebecca Boatright present as Chief Carmen Best's representative
Administrator:	Michael Spearman assisted by Matt Anderson

The Administrator, pursuant to the November 19, 2019 Order in this matter, and having reviewed the communication from Counsel for the Law Enforcement Officers, hereby finds and orders the following:

The Inquest Administrator accepts as the Involved Officers final decision that they decline to testify at the Inquest. Accordingly, I conclude that the Involved Officers are participating as described in Executive Order, App. 2, Section 2.2, and may continue to be represented by counsel in this proceeding. Should there occur, during the course of the Inquest, some unforeseen and significant change to the interrogatories submitted to the panel or in the scope of the training and policy issues that the panel is asked to consider or the admission of unanticipated and unforeseen evidence, the Involved Officer(s) may ask the Administrator to permit them to testify.

The previous Order required the parties to propose Garrity statements for each Involved Officer, including any proposed redactions, no later than December 1, 2019. That language was imprecise. The IA is considering presenting the recordings of each Involved Officer's recorded statement(s). Any party requesting that portions be redacted shall provide any proposed redactions by Monday, December 2, 2019. Any party proposing use of any alternative statement shall do so (with appropriate redactions) by the same date.

DATED November 26, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Spearman', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Michael Spearman
Administrator