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PRE-INQUEST CONFERENCE ORDER

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DAMARIUS DEMONTA BUTTS INQUEST # 517IQ0713

PARTIES PRESENT:

Family of the decedent:	Family 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, having presided over a motion hearing on December 6, 2019, and having reviewed the submissions and arguments of the parties, hereby orders the following:

Upon motion of the Involved Officers and the Seattle Police Department, the Inquest Hearing in this matter is hereby stayed until December 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom E-753. No later than December 13, 2019 at 12:00 noon, the Involved Officers and Seattle Police Department shall provide notice of intent as to whether they will seek judicial relief from Executive Order PHL-7-1-3-EO. If the Involved Officers do not intend to seek judicial relief, they shall indicate if they will testify. Costs are awarded to the Family in an amount to be determined at a later date.

The administrator hereby incorporates by reference the oral findings made at the hearing.

DATED: December 6, 2019

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Michael Spearman
Administrator