



## King County

Department of Executive Services

### **Inquest Program**

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### **PRE-INQUEST CONFERENCE ORDER**

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

#### **PARTIES PRESENT:**

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 (officers not present at this hearing)
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

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The Administrator, having considered the representations from the Seattle Police Department and Involved officers that they would seek judicial review of the December 4, 2019 Executive Order and a judicially ordered stay of the proceedings in this matter and that they would require 30 days to do so, and having considered the agreement of the Family to stay the proceedings in this matter for 30 days, hereby orders as follows:

In order to provide time for SPD and the IO's to seek the relief described above, the Administrator continues the inquest hearing to a date to be determined.. No later than January 10, 2020, any party seeking judicial relief pertaining to the above referenced Executive Order shall

report to the Administrator, via email to the Pro Tem Attorney, their progress, including the date of submissions that have been or will be provided and any expectations regarding scheduling received from Superior Court. If King County Superior Court, upon the request of any party, issues an order staying these proceedings, whether temporary or otherwise, or an order declining to do so, that party shall promptly notify the Pro Tem Attorney via email and forward a copy of such order to the Pro Tem Attorney within 24 hours of entry.

The parties shall reconvene on January 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in courtroom E-753 of the King County Courthouse to address scheduling in this matter (Such hearing will be stricken if this matter is stayed by Superior Court.).

DATED: December 20, 2019

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Michael Spearman  
Administrator