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**PRE-INQUEST CONFERENCE ORDER  
INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DEMARIUS DEMONTA BUTTS**

**PARTIES:**

Family of the deceased:	Mother of Damarius Demonta Butts Represented by Adrien Leavitt and Sade Smith
Law enforcement members involved in the death:	Seattle Police Department Officers Elizabeth Kennedy, Christopher Myers, Joshua Vaaga and Canek Gordillo represented by Ted Buck (present telephonically) and Evan Bariault (officers not present at this hearing)
Employing government department:	Seattle Police Department Represented by Ghazal Sharifi and Erika Evans
Administrator:	Michael Spearman (Assisted by Matt Anderson)

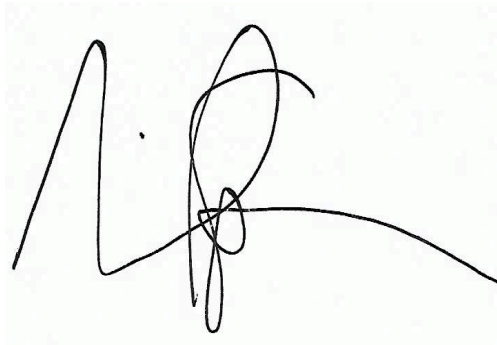
The Administrator, having presided over the Pre-Inquest Conference on June 14, 2019, and having heard from the represented parties hereby orders the following:

1. **Next pre-inquest conference:** A pre-inquest conference shall occur on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the King County Courthouse, E854.
2. **Inquest date:** The inquest in this matter is hereby scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the King County Courthouse, E854. The manager shall reserve two weeks to accommodate the possible length of the inquest.
3. **Training/policy discovery:** The family of the deceased shall serve its discovery request on SPD by end of business on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. The parties shall coordinate to determine areas of agreement. Disputes shall be briefed according to the briefing schedule, below.
4. **Testimony relating to training/policy:** The parties agree that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) personnel other than the Chief of Police are in a position to provide the most specific and

detailed testimony regarding procedure and training of SPD officers. The parties further agree that Appendix 2, Section 12.3, may be reasonably read to permit the Chief's designee(s) to testify instead of the Chief on those issues. Without specifically deciding the issue, the Administrator will abide by the parties' agreement.

5. **Protective Order:** The parties shall coordinate to identify if there is agreement regarding a protective order as proposed by SPD. Disputes shall be briefed according to the briefing schedule, below.
6. **Briefing schedule:** Briefing relating to contested matters to be heard at the next pre-inquest conference shall be provided as follows: Motions are due July 1, 2019. Responses are due July 9, 2019. Reply briefs, if any, are due by July 11, 2019.
7. **Parties should be prepared** to discuss schedules/deadlines/progress on the following topics at the next hearing:
  - a. Witness list
  - b. Proposed *Voir Dire* questions
  - c. Proposed instructions to the panel
  - d. Proposed interrogatories
  - e. Expert witness deadlines
  - f. Scope of training/policy testimony.

DATED June 18, 2019.

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Michael Spearman  
Administrator