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ORDER CONTINUING INQUEST AND SCHEDULING ORDER

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DAMARIUS DEMONTA BUTTS INQUEST # 517IQ8013

PARTIES:

Family of the decedent:	Mother 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, Kerala Cowart and Tom Miller. Rebecca Boatright - Chief Adrian Diaz's representative
Administrator:	Michael Spearman assisted by Matt Anderson

The Inquest Administrator, having been informed that the motion to continue the trial in case #19-2-33286-7 was denied and that three of the attorneys in this case will not be available to appear for the inquest hearing in this matter currently scheduled for January 24, 2022, hereby continues the inquest hearing in this matter. This inquest will commence on March 14, 2022 at a location, either virtual or in-person, to be determined. All parties are instructed to keep their schedules free until April 1, 2022.

A Prehearing Conference in this matter is scheduled for January 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.. The conference will occur virtually, link to follow and be made available on the inquest program website.

The City and the Involved officers have both requested briefing regarding the interrogatories. Unless otherwise suggested by the parties and agreed to by the IA, the IA asks that the requesting parties' briefs supporting their proposed changes be submitted Friday, January 7, 2022 and that any responsive briefing be submitted Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

DATED: December 20, 2021

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Michael Spearman
Administrator