



## King County

Department of Executive Services

### **Inquest Program**

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### **ORDER CONTINUING INQUEST AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

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

#### **PARTIES PRESENT:**

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

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The Inquest Administrator grants the parties' joint motion to continue the inquest hearing in this matter. Three of the attorneys in this case are scheduled to start a trial in case #19-2-33286-7 in King County Superior Court on January 24, 2022, but there is reason to believe that the trial may not commence on that date. If the trial is continued, this inquest will commence on January 24, 2022. The inquest will take place in the combined Souder and Reign conference rooms at the Children's Family and Justice Center at 1211 E. Alder, Seattle. If the trial is not continued, then this inquest will commence on March 14, 2022 at a location, either virtual or in-person, to be determined

The inquest is expected to last two weeks and all parties are instructed to keep January 24, 2022 – February 4, 2022 and March 14, 2022 – March 25, 2022 clear in their schedules until further notice.

The following schedule has been agreed to by the parties and is ordered by the Inquest Administrator:

#### **Interrogatories**

- 12/9/21 Party proposals (edits and additions) due.<sup>1</sup>
- 12/14/21 Meet-and-confer re: proposed briefing and possible areas of agreement.
- 12/17/21 Party briefing (if any) due.
- 1/3/22 IA to provide ruling.

#### **Exhibits**

- 12/13/21 Party proposals (edits and additions) due.
- 12/14/21 Meet-and-confer re: proposed briefing and possible areas of agreement.
- 1/5/22 Party briefing (if any) due.
- 1/10/22 IA to provide ruling.
- 1/14/22 Exceptions/discussions at PHC.

#### **Voir Dire/Juror Questionnaire**

- 12/14/21 Party edits/additions due, if any.

#### **Instructions**

- 12/17/21 Party proposals (edits and additions) due, if any.
- 1/3/22 IA to provide version incorporating party suggestions.
- 1/4/22 Meet-and-confer re: proposed briefing and possible areas of agreement.
- 1/10/22 Party briefing (if any) due.
- 1/14/22 Exceptions/discussions at PHC.

#### **Motions in Limine**

- 1/7/22 Party Submissions due.
- 1/10/22 Meet-and-confer re: proposed briefing and possible areas of agreement.
- 1/11/22 Responses due (if any).
- 1/13/22 Replies due (if any).

#### **Interviews**

- 12/9/21 IA will provide any modifications to the proposed exhibit list based on Det. Ledbetter's interview within 2 days.
- 12/13-14/21 Captain Teeter interview anticipated. IA will provide any modifications to the proposed exhibit list based on the interview within 2 days.
- 1/11/22 Matthew Noedell's interview to be completed.

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<sup>1</sup> By agreement of the parties, the submissions and rulings on interrogatories will also consider proposed Exhibit 105 – The Policy Manual Excerpts

**Weekly check-ins** - The attorneys will participate in a conference every Tuesday at 12:00 (except 12/21 and 12/28) to discuss schedule and seek areas of agreement. The attorneys may cancel such meetings based on consensus that other communications have rendered the check-in unnecessary for a particular week.

**Briefing:** Except for the initial Motions in Limine, briefing shall be allowed only after a Meet-and-Confer between the attorneys and with permission of the IA.

DATED: December 7, 2021

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Michael Spearman  
Administrator