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July 17, 2023

The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Suite 800
Chinook Building
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: In-Custody Death of Wardell Sims

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has received and reviewed the investigative materials from the Kent Police Department and DAJD, concerning the in-custody death of Wardell Sims at the King County Adult Detention Center in Kent on June 16, 2017.

After a careful review of these materials, we are satisfied that the investigation is now complete. Pursuant to Executive Order PHL-7-1-5-EO, we recommend an inquest be initiated because we have not identified any factors or circumstances under §6.1, or any other reasons, that indicate that an inquest is not warranted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 477-1174. I would be more than happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter in further detail.

Sincerely,

For LEESA MANION
King County Prosecuting Attorney

Daniel J. Clark

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Chief Deputy, Criminal Division

cc: Allen Nance, Director, King County DAJD