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INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DAMARIUS DEMONTA BUTTS #517IQ0713

INTERROGATORIES TO THE INQUEST PANEL

DATED 25 day of March, 2022,

Michael Spearman Administrator

INTERROGATORIES ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CAUSES OF DAMARIUS BUTTS' DEATH

Inter		7/ 04	2017, did a young man, later identified as Damarius Butts, ems from a 7-11 store without paying for the items?
	YES 8	NO_Ø	UNKNOWN
Inter	rogatory No. 2	2: Did the store e store?	manager confront the young man and then the young woman
	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Inter			s Butts display a handgun when the store owner approached
	the young wo	No.	
	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Inter	Damarius Bu	itts and the you	re owner call 911 to report a robbery and say that he saw ng woman walk northbound on 1st. Avenue?
40	YES \S_	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Inter	descriptions of	of the suspects	ng the 911 call, did the Seattle Police Department dispatch and say they were last seen heading northbound? UNKNOWN
Interi	rogatory No. 6 suspect had a	: Did Seattle Po	olice Department dispatch inform officers that the male
	YES _ O_	NO Y	UNKNOWN
Interi	another male female fit the	walking north description rac	Gordillo and Merritt see Damarius Butts, a young woman and abound on 1 st Ave and believe that Damarius Butts and the dioed by dispatch?
	YES <u>8</u>	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
nterr	ogatory No. 8	: Did Officers	Gordillo and Merritt reasonably believe that Damarius Butts
	was possibly	in possession o	of a firearm?
	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
		3.	

	on the ground	d?	Gordillo approach the three individuals and order them to get
	YES _	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interro	ogatory No. 1 later?	0: Did Officer	Merritt order Damarius Butts to get on the ground a short time
	YES <u>8</u>	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
			us Butts begin running westbound on Madison Street?
	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
	Madison Stre	eet?	us Butts' jacket end up on the ground as he ran westbound on
	YES <u>8</u>	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
		3: Was a box of amarius Butts?	of .38 caliber ammunition later found in a pocket of the jacket
	YES 2	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interro	ogatory No. 1 intersection a	14: Did Officer t 1 st Ave and M	Merritt take Damarius Butts to the ground just west of the ladison?
	YES 3	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interro	ogatory No. 1 assaulted Off	15: Did Damai icer Merritt?	rius Butts break free from Officer Merritt after the female
	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
	waisthand as	he ran?	us Butts head westbound on Madison Street and reach for his
	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interro	gatory No. 1' armed with a	7: Did Officer (weapon?	Gordillo reasonably believe that Damarius Butts was possibly
	YES 3	NO Ø	UNKNOWN

Interrogatory No. 18: Did Officer Gordillo order Damarius Butts to stop running and drop the gun?
yes 8 no 9 unknown
Interrogatory No. 19: Did Officer Kennedy see Officer Gordillo pointing at Damarius Butts as Officer Gordillo pursued Damarius Butts westbound on Madison?
$yes 8 no 9 unknown_{}$
Interrogatory No. 20: Did Officer Kennedy see Damarius Butts with his hand near his waistband as he ran?
yes 8 no 0 unknown_
Interrogatory No. 21: Did Officer Kennedy reasonably believe that Damarius Butts was possibly holding a weapon?
yes 8 no Unknown
Interrogatory No. 22: Did Damarius Butts run south on Western Avenue and toward the loading dock area of 909 1st Ave (the old Federal Building)?
YES 8 NO UNKNOWN
Interrogatory No. 23: Did Officer Kennedy stop her vehicle near the loading dock area and pursue Damarius Butts on foot?
YES 8 NO UNKNOWN
Interrogatory No. 24: Did Damarius Butts enter the old Federal Building through the loading dock?
YES NO UNKNOWN
Interrogatory No. 25: Did Damarius Butts run east through double doors and into a vestibule?
YES 8 NO UNKNOWN
Interrogatory No. 26: Did Officer Kennedy pursue Damarius Butts into the vestibule?
YES NO UNKNOWN_
Interrogatory No. 27: Did Officer Kennedy at any time order Damarius Butts to stop or drop his weapon?
YES 8 NO UNKNOWN

Interr	vestibu	le?	,	Kennedy see Damarius Butts try and open a door inside the
-	YES_	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr				Kennedy think that the only way for Damarius Butts to exit gh the double doors he used to enter?
	YES _	8_	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr	Damari	us Butt	s?	r Bandel witness Officer Gordillo chasing and pointing at
	YES_	<u> </u>	NO D	UNKNOWN
Interr				Bandel follow Damarius Butts into the old Federal Building?
	YES_	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogatory	No. 32	: Did Officer	Bandel see Damarius Butts in the vestibule?
	YES _	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogatory	No. 33	: Did Officer	Bandel issue commands to Damarius Butts?
	YES_	8.	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr				as Butts have in his possession a .38 caliber revolver?
	YES_	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogatory	No. 35	: Did Officer	Kennedy observe Damarius Butts draw a firearm?
	YES_	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr				Bandel observe Damarius Butts draw a firearm?
	YES_	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
	Kenned	v?		in exchange of gunfire between Damarius Butts and Officer
	YES _	8	NO ()	UNKNOWN
				Gordillo see a flash of light from Damarius Butts' handgun?
	YES_	8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN

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Y	es Ø	NO Ø	unknown 8
Interrog	atory No. 4	0: Did a bulle	t fired by Damarius Butts firearm strike Officer Kennedy's
	allistic vest?		
Y	es_S	NO (UNKNOWN
	and the second		or bullets fired by Officer Kennedy strike Damarius Butts?
Y	es_S	NO D	UNKNOWN
			ne shots fired by Officer Kennedy, did Damarius Butts fall to tially obscured behind a stack of wooden pallets?
Y	es_8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Interrog	atory No. 4	3: Did Officer (Gordillo hear gunfire?
Y	es <u>8</u>	NO ON	UNKNOWN
			Kang enter the loading dock area and hear gunshots?
Y	es_8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
to	the vestibu	le?	Kang take up a position to the left of the double doors leading
Y	ES \(\frac{\dagger}{d}\)	NO O	UNKNOWN
	ter Officer I		Vaaga and Officer Myers enter the loading dock area shortly
Y	ES \(\frac{\dagger}{\dagger}\)	NO ()	UNKNOWN
W	th part of h	is body obscure	s Vaaga and Myers see Damarius Butts lying on the ground d by the wooden pallets?
Y	ES _\delta	NO O	UNKNOWN
	-		s Butts fire a bullet that struck Officer Kang?
Y	Es S	NO Ø	UNKNOWN

Interr	ogator; this tir): Did	Officer (Gordillo see a flash of light from Damarius Butts' handgun at
	YES_	8	NO_	Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr		y No. 50 s chest?		s the bull	et that struck Officer Kang later found lodged in Officer
				Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogator;	7.4	1: Did	l Officer	Gordillo see Officer Kang grab his neck area and slide down
	YES_	8	NO	Ø	UNKNOWN
					Gordillo fire his firearm at Damarius Butts?
	YES_	8	NO	\varnothing	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogator	y No. 53	3: Did	a bullet	or bullets fired by Officer Gordillo strike Damarius Butts?
	YES_	Ø	NO	Ø	unknown 8
Interr	ogator	y No. 54	4: Did	Officer l	Myers hear a gunshot coming from Damarius Butts' location?
	YES_	8	NO.	Ø	UNKNOWN D
Interr	ogator	y No. 5	5: Did	Officer l	Myers fire his handgun at Damarius Butts?
	YES_	8	NO.	Ø	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogator	y No. 50	6: Did	a bullet	or bullets fired by Officer Myers strike Damarius Butts?
	YES_	8	NO.	Ø	UNKNOWN
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	YES_	8	NO	0	UNKNOWN
Interr		- Control of the Cont		- /	Vaaga fire his handgun at Damarius Butts?
	YES_	8	NO.	0	UNKNOWN
Interr	ogator				or bullets fired by Officer Vaaga strike Damarius Butts?
	YES_	Ø	NO.	Ø	unknown 8

Int	terrogatory No. 60: At						
	Butts, did the offic						
	presented an immir	nent risk	of death or s	erious boo	lily injury to	the officer or o	thers?
	Officer Gordillo	VES	8 NO	v Ø	IINKNOW	/NI	
	Officer Kennedy	YES	8 NO	0 0	UNKNOW	/N	
	Officer Myers	YES	8 NO	05	UNKNOW	/N	
	Officer Vaaga	YES	8 NO	Ø	UNKNOW UNKNOW UNKNOW UNKNOW	/N	
Turk							
Int	terrogatory No. 61: At commands given b	any time	during this i	incident di	d Damarius	Butts stop in re	sponse to
	1	-		Taxes.			
	YES NO	7	UNKNOV	VN			
12/07 Int	errogatory No. 62: At	any time	during this	ncident di	id Damarius	Butts show his	hands in
#100	response to comma	ands give	n by SPD Of	ficers?			
2	YES NO						
•	YES O NO		UNKNOV	VN			
V1 7-Int	errogatory No. 62: At	any time	during this i	ncident di	d Damarine 1	Butte drop to th	e around in
\$6	response to comma	ands give	n by SPD Of	ficers?	d Damarus i	builts drop to th	ic ground in
1"							
	YES NO		UNKNOV	VN			
Int	errogatory No. 63: Wa					a Damarius Bu	tte wee
	located behind the				ed near wher	c Damarus Du	ilis was
	yes_8 No	4	UNKNOV	VN			
Int	errogatory No. 64: We	ere expen	ided shell cas	sings foun	d in the cylin	der of the .38 c	aliber
	revolver possessed			8			
	Q	X					
	YES	4	UNKNOW	/N			
Inte	errogatory No. 65: Did	d Damari	us Butts die	in Seattle.	King County	. Washington	on April
	20, 2017?				Thing County	, washington	on ripin
	9	d-					
	YES 8 NO	9.	UNKNOW	/N			
Inte	errogatory No. 65a: Di	id Sergez	ant Lang regu	est medic	al aid as sooi	as it was reas	onably
	possible for her to o	do so?	and David Lodi	sout moune	ar ara as soor	ras it was reas	onabiy
	YES NO	4	UNKNOW	/N			
Inte	errogatory No. 66: Did	l medice	from the See	ttle Fire F	lenartment "	enand to a ma	ant for all
	and wait nearby unt	til the sit	nom me sea	ide Pile L ife?	сранинени ге	spond to a requ	iest for aid
	0	and a				*:	
	YES NO	()	UNKNOW	'N			
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Interrogatory No. 67: Did Damarius Butts as s			Fire Department provide med	ical aid to
YES NO	UNK UNK	NOWN 6	* *	
			Myers and Vaaga use deadly	force
against Damarius B	utts by use of a	firearm?		
Officer Gordillo	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN Ø	
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN	
Officer Myers	YES S	NO Ø	UNKNOWN &	
Officer Vaaga	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN 6	
Interrogatory No. 69: If y Damarius Butts, did Butts?	ou found that a	ny of the follo	owing officers fired his or he that officer cause the death of	r weapon at of Damarius
Officer Gordillo	YES MA	NO MI	7UNKNOWN 1	
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO C	PUNKNOWN Ø	
Officer Myers	YES d	NO RE	5 UNKNOWN 3	
Officer Vaaga	YES THE	NO T	7 UNKNOWN	
INTERROGA	ATORIES ABO	OUT SPD PO	LICIES AND TRAINING	
Interrogatory No. 70: Did following officers in	SPD Policy 8.1 this incident?	100 – De-Esca	lation apply to the actions of	f the
Officer Gordillo	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN Ø	
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN 6	
Officer Myers	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN 6	
Officer Vaaga	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN &	
If you found that SPD Po	olicy 8.100 – Dollease skip Inter	e-Escalation of rogatories 71 -	lid not apply as to a particula - 72 as to that officer.	r officer,
Interrogatory No. 71. If yo	ou found that SD	D Dollar 9 10	0 – De-Escalation applied to	41
of any of the follow with the policy?	ing officers dur	ing the course	of this incident, did that off	icer comply
Officer Gordillo	YES 8	NO Ø	INVNOVAL (2)	
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN P	
Officer Myers	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN 6	
Officer Vaaga	YES 8	NO Ø		
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	wing officers dur	ing the course	0 – De-Escalation applied to the actions of this incident, were the actions of that that policy?
Officer Gordillo Officer Kennedy Officer Myers Officer Vaaga	YES S YES S YES S	NO Ø NO Ø NO Ø	UNKNOWN DUNKNOWN DUNKNOWN DUNKNOWN D
Interrogatory No. 73: Di following officers'	d SPD Policy 8.	200 – Use of Facident?	force (Sections 1, 3 and 4) apply to the
Officer Gordillo Officer Kennedy Officer Myers Officer Vaaga	YES S YES S YES S	NO Ø NO Ø NO Ø	UNKNOWN Ø UNKNOWN Ø UNKNOWN Ø UNKNOWN
If you found that SPD Po	licy 8.200 (Section please skip Internation	ons 1, 3 and 4)	did not apply as to a particular officer, 75 as to that officer.
Interrogatory No. 74: If applied to the action that officer comply	ns of any of the f	ollowing office	00 – Use of Force (Sections 1, 3 and 4) ers during the course of this incident, did
Officer Gordillo Officer Kennedy Officer Myers Officer Vaaga	YES S YES S YES S	NO Ø NO Ø NO Ø	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
applied to the action	ons of any of the	following off	00 – Use of Force (Sections 1, 3 and 4) icers during the course of this incident training received as to that policy?
Officer Gordillo Officer Kennedy Officer Myers Officer Vaaga	YES S YES S YES S	NO Ø NO Ø NO Ø NO Ø	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
Interrogatory No. 76: Die following officers i	SPD Policy 8.3 n this incident?	00 – Firearms	(Sections 7) apply to the actions of the
Officer Gordillo Officer Kennedy Officer Myers Officer Vaaga	YES S YES S YES S	NO ON NO ON NO	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN

If you found that SPD Policy 8.300 - Firearms (Sections 7) did not apply as to a particular officer, please skip Interrogatories 77 - 78 as to that officer.

Inte	rrogatory No. 77: If you found that SPD Policy 8.300 - Firearms (Sections 7) applied to the
	actions of any of the following officers during the course of this incident, did that officer
	comply with the policy?

Officer Gordillo	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN Ø
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Officer Myers	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN 6
Officer Vaaga	YES 8	NO 0	UNKNOWN &

Interrogatory No. 78: If you found that SPD Policy 8.300 – Firearms (Sections 7) applied to the actions of any of the following officers during the course of this incident, were the actions of that officer consistent with SPD training received as to that policy?

Officer Gordillo	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN Ø
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN 6
Officer Myers	YES Z	NO (1)	UNKNOWN (%)
Officer Vaaga	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN D

Interrogatory No. 79: Did **SPD training as to barricaded suspects** apply to the actions of the following officers in this incident at the time that each officer fired his or her weapon?

Officer Gordillo	YES Ø	NO 8	UNKNOWN Ø
Officer Kennedy	YES Ø	NO 8	UNKNOWN Ø
Officer Myers	YES Ø	NO 8	UNKNOWN &
Officer Vaaga	YES D	NO_8_	UNKNOWN Ø

If you found that **SPD training as to barricaded suspects** did not apply as to a particular officer, please skip Interrogatory 80 as to that officer.

Interrogatory No. 80: If you found that SPD training as to barricaded suspects applied to the actions of any of the following officers at the time that each officer fired his or her weapon, were the actions of that officer consistent with SPD training received as to barricaded suspects?

Officer Gordillo	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Kennedy	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Myers	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Vaaga	YES	NO	UNKNOWN

INTERROGATORIES ABOUT WHETHER DAMARIUS BUTTS' DEATH WAS OCCASIONED BY CRIMINAL MEANS

Interrogatory No. 81: If you found that any of the following officers use of deadly force caused the death of Damarius Butts, was the use of deadly force by that officer justifiable as defined in Instruction No. 9?

Officer Gordillo	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN
Officer Kennedy	YES 8	NO	UNKNOWN &
Officer Myers	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN A
Officer Vaaga	YES 8	NO Ø	UNKNOWN

Interrogatory No. 82: If you found that any of the following officers use of deadly force against Damarius Butts was not justifiable, was the use of deadly force by such officer done with malice as defined in Instructions No. 15 and 17?

Officer Gordillo	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Kennedy	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Myers	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Vaaga	YES	NO	UNKNOWN

Interrogatory No. 83: If you found that any of the following officers use of deadly force against Damarius Butts was not justifiable, was the use of deadly force by such officer not in good faith as defined in Instructions No. 16 and 17?

Officer Gordillo	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Kennedy	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Myers	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Officer Vaaga	YES	NO	UNKNOWN

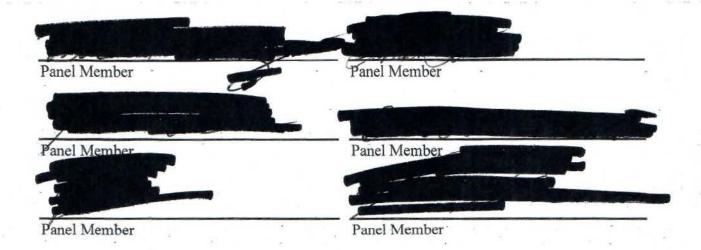
Interrogatory No. 84: If you found that any of the following officers use of deadly force against Damarius Butts was not justifiable, and was committed with malice or not in good faith, did that officer cause the death of Damarius Butts by criminal means as defined in Instruction No. 18?

Officer Gordillo	YES	NO .	UNKNOWN	
Officer Kennedy	YES	NO	UNKNOWN	
Officer Myers	YES	NO .	UNKNOWN	
Officer Vaaga	YES	NO	UNKNOWN	538

DATED this 28 day of March 2022.

Panel Foreperson





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Interrogatory No. S:	Based on Dispatch.
Interrogatory No. 15:	After female assault, Merritt pushed
	Mr. Butts away to avoid being shot.
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Interrogatory No.34:	The initial firing of shots by Officer Kennedy and Mr. Butts was nearly Simultaneous. It cannot be
	determined who fired first.
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Interrogatory No∑(:	Independent of whether the jurors found the answer to Interrogatory #69 to be unknown alljurors agreed that all 4 officers were justified in their use of force in the death of Mr. Buttes.
Interrogatory No. :	

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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	Nature of Shullets Shot from Gordino,
	Myins & Valga of that the shot to
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Interrogatory No:	Although the wounds mr. Butts
	received by the 40 caliber bullets
	were potentially NON-Fatal. I do
	Not Real evidence ruled out this
	potential. this is why Iam unknown
	For officer Meyers.
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