

**KING COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES
INQUEST PROGRAM**

**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF RIVER HUDSON
INQUEST #20IQ004714**

INTERROGATORIES TO THE INQUEST JURY

DATED 3rd day of March, 2026.

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Interrogatory No. 1 On the night of May 6, 2020, did Sandra Neilson (formerly Sandra Hudson) call 911 to request police assistance with her son, River Hudson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 2 Did Sandra Neilson tell 911 that her son, River Hudson, was having “some kind of break” and/or “losing his mind”?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 3 Did Sandra Neilson tell 911 that her son, River Hudson, had injured someone?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 4 Did Renton Police Department officers respond to the Sunset Heights Apartments in Renton, Washington, in response to Sandra Neilson’s 911 call?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 5 Were the officers wearing clearly marked Renton Police Department uniforms when they responded?

Officer Halley Brus (Jackson) YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Officer Jenna Christiansen YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Officer Glorioso Manigbas YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 6 Did the responding Renton Police Department officers have body-worn video?

YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 7 Did Officer Manigbas speak with Matthew Mertes in the parking lot of the Sunset Heights Apartments?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____



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Interrogatory No. 8 Did officer(s) observe that Matthew Mertes was bleeding or injured?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 9 Did Officer Brus observe any injuries on Sandra Neilson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 10 Did Sandra Neilson tell Officer Brus that River Hudson had caused her injuries?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 11 Did Sandra Neilson tell officers that River Hudson was the only person remaining in the apartment?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 12 Did officers go upstairs to the landing outside Sandra Neilson's apartment to attempt to contact River Hudson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 13 Before attempting to contact River Hudson, were the officers aware that a mental health crisis might be a factor?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 14 Before attempting to contact River Hudson, did officers know whether there were any weapons present or available to River Hudson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 15 Before attempting to contact River Hudson, did officers ask Sandra Neilson to leave the immediate area of the apartment?

YES 4 NO 1 UNKNOWN 1



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Interrogatory No. 16 Before attempting to contact River Hudson, which, if any, officers had their firearm out?

Officer Halley Brus YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Officer Jenna Christiansen YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Officer Glorioso Manigbas YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 17 Did officers attempt to contact River Hudson by calling to him through the open apartment door and asking him to come out?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 18 When officers called out to River Hudson, did they identify themselves as police officers?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 19 When officers called out to River Hudson, could officers see him inside the apartment?

YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 20 When calling out to River Hudson, were any officers inside apartment?

YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 21 When officers first saw River Hudson, did he have a knife in his hand?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 22 Did River Hudson move toward the officers with the knife in his hand?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 23 Was the knife pointed toward the officers?

YES 3 NO 1 UNKNOWN 2



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Interrogatory No. 24 Did Officer Brus tell River Hudson to “stop”?

YES 5 NO _____ UNKNOWN 1

Interrogatory No. 25 Did River Hudson stop moving toward the officers after being told to stop?

YES 1 NO 5 UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 26 Did any officer fire their handgun at River Hudson?

Officer Halley Brus YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Officer Jenna Christiansen YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Officer Glorioso Manigbas YES _____ NO 6 UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 27 Did Officer Brus fire two bullets?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 28 Did any of the bullets fired by Officer Brus strike River Hudson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 29 Did Officer Brus stop firing as soon as she perceived that River Hudson was not an active threat?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 30 When Officer Brus fired her handgun, was Sandra Neilson outside the apartment?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 31 Did Renton Police Department officers provide medical aid to River Hudson?

YES 5 NO _____ UNKNOWN 1



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Interrogatory No. 32 Did Renton Regional Fire Authority firefighters and/or medics provide aid to River Hudson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 33 Did a bullet or bullets fired by Officer Brus cause the death of River Hudson?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 34 Did River Hudson die on May 6, 2020?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 35 Did River Hudson die in Renton, Washington?

YES 6 NO _____ UNKNOWN _____

Interrogatory No. 36 Was it reasonable for Officer Brus to believe that River Hudson posed an imminent risk of death or serious bodily injury to any person at the time Officer Brus fired her gun?

YES 5 NO 1 UNKNOWN _____ N/A _____

373933 Interrogatory No. 37 Did Officer Brus meet the “good faith” standard as explained in the Closing Instructions?

YES 4 NO 1 UNKNOWN 1 N/A _____

Interrogatory No. 38 Was Officer Brus’s use of deadly force “necessary” as explained in the Closing Instructions?

YES 4 NO 1 UNKNOWN 1 N/A _____

Interrogatory No. 39 Did Officer Brus cause River Hudson’s death by criminal means, as explained in the Closing Instructions?

YES 1 NO 5 UNKNOWN _____ N/A _____



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DATED this 4 day of March, 2026.

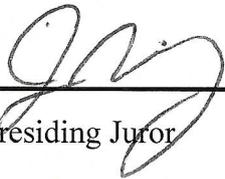
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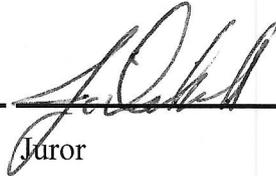
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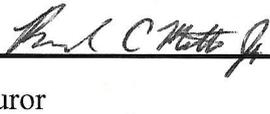
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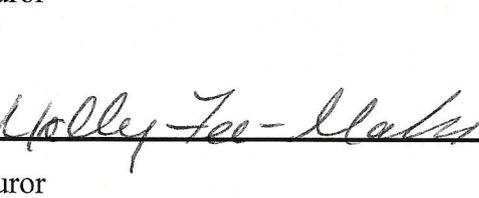
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<p>Interrogatory No. <u>31</u>:</p>	<p>It is unclear if Benton Police officers provided any medical aid before the fire department arrived. There was a long waiting period for another officer to arrive to provide cover</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>15</u>:</p>	<p>Officers asked Sandra Neilson out of the apartment doorway and into the breezeway. This seems like it is still the immediate area</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>23</u>:</p>	<p>There is not much clarity on which direction the knife was actually pointed - at the officers It does appear that it was held aggressively as River Hudson was moving towards officers</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. <u>25</u>:</p>	<p>There was very little time or distance for River Hudson to stop between when he appeared in the hallway and when he was shot and he was moving aggressively toward officers</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. 36 <u>37</u> <u>38</u>:</p>	<p>Why was "non-lethal" staged behind Brus? Could this death have been prevented if non-lethal was by the door? Could officers "staged" themselves farther away to allow for more reaction time in these close quarters? could more time</p>

Juror No. 1

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<p>Interrogatory No. __: 37 # 38 continued</p>	<p>Could officers ^{have} taken more time to let the situation de-escalate? Could officers waited for someone trained in mental health issues to assist them?</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. __:</p>	<p>All of these questions, or possibilities, leading up to the shooting are why I say we know Brus did act in good faith and used the necessary force for the situation. It is leading</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. __:</p>	<p>up to that moment that I am unsure of</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. __:</p>	
<p>Interrogatory No. __:</p>	

Juror No. 4

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Interrogatory No. <u>23</u> :	Testimony I heard said knife was pointed up. Not sure if that constitutes "pointed @ officer".
Interrogatory No. __:	

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Interrogatory No. <u>8</u> :	He was told multiple times, but I am not 100% that he personally "observed" the injury however the question does not specify which officer.
Interrogatory No. <u>15</u> :	They instructed her " Get ^{go} out of the doorway please?" "Immediate area" is somewhat nebulous, but I'd consider roughly a 10-15 ft area around the entry the immediate area.
Interrogatory No. <u>24</u> :	I cannot personally tell from the COBAN if its Bruce, but a female voice does yell stop before shots are fired.
Interrogatory No. <u>25</u> :	He was shot as the word stop completed. And it was testified that once he was shot he fell down.
Interrogatory No. <u>14</u> :	The CAD log said there were knives in the apartment and River had struck Matthew with a bed post.

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<p>Interrogatory No. 22 23^{am}</p>	<p>None of the to in person testimonies stated that the knife was pointed towards the officers.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. 36:</p>	<p>He stumbled down the hallway nude w/ a small knife while 3 armed, armored, police officers awaited him behind an open doorway with free egress.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. 37:</p>	<p>Neither of the other officers fired at River. It is not reasonable to believe deadly force was the only remedy to prevent death or serious physical harm. He was nude with a small knife in a confined area confronted by 3 armed and armored, trained law enforcement officers.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. 38:</p>	<p>There existed reasonably effective alternatives than the amount of force used. The situation arose from the aggressive provocation of someone was experiencing a mental health crisis, by Law Enforcement Officers.</p>
<p>Interrogatory No. 39:</p>	<p>Her Her actions met neither the good faith nor necessary standards, thus was criminal.</p>

Juror No. 6

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Interrogatory No. <u>23</u> :	Answered "Unknown" as whether the direction of the knife print was uncertain.
Interrogatory No. __:	