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**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DENIS RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ
INQUEST #19IQ048393**

INTERROGATORIES TO THE INQUEST JURY

DATED 7th day of April, 2026.

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**QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
THE DEATH OF DENIS RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ**

Interrogatory No. 1 On February 7, 2019, around 3:22 a.m., did a male at the Eclairé apartments at 10525 Midvale Avenue North in Seattle, WA call 911 to report a domestic disturbance?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 2 Were Seattle Police Department (“SPD”) officers dispatched to the Eclairé apartments?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 3 Did SPD Officers Robert Stevenson and Kieran Barton proceed to Unit 301 of the apartment complex, knock, and ask that any occupants come to the door?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 4 Did responding SPD officers leave the area of Unit 301 because no one responded and they didn’t hear any indications of activity from inside the apartment?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 5 Shortly after the original 911 call, did a female caller from Unit 301 call 911 and report that she was located inside Unit 301?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 6 Did dispatch inform SPD officers that the female caller was scared and hiding and whispered, “He killed her”?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 7 Did Officer Stevenson return to Unit 301 and force entry by kicking the door?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 6



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Interrogatory No. 8 Did SPD Officers Stevenson, Ennis Roberson and Barton enter unit 301?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 9 Were Officers Stevenson, Roberson and Barton wearing clearly marked police uniforms?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 10 Did the SPD officers announce their presence as police?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 11 Did the SPD officers hear any response?

YES 0 NO 6 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 12 Did the SPD officers encounter an interior door that appeared to have been damaged by a bladed instrument?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 13 Did Officer Stevenson force entry to a hallway by kicking the damaged door?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 14 Was Denis Rodriguez Martinez visible in a bedroom across the hallway from the damaged door?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 15 When the SPD officers first saw Denis Rodriguez Martinez, was he holding any weapons?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0



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Interrogatory No. 16 When the SPD officers first saw Denis Rodriguez Martinez, was he holding the following weapons, in particular?

Large kitchen knife? YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0
Meat cleaver? YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 17 Was Irma Leticia Rodriguez Vaquedano's head and the lower half of her body in the short hallway between the SPD officers and the bedroom occupied by Denis Rodriguez Martinez?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 18 Was Irma Leticia Rodriguez Vaquedano dead, with her head separated from her body and placed between her legs?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 19 Did Officer Stevenson and Officer Roberson believe that Denis Rodriguez Martinez had killed Irma Leticia Rodriguez Vaquedano?

YES 5 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1

Interrogatory No. 20 Did the SPD officers command Denis Rodriguez Martinez to "get down," "drop the weapon" and "drop the knife"?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 21 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez initially drop any weapons he was holding and get down on a mattress in a prone position?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 22 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez yell a mixture of Spanish, English, and incoherent words while he initially got down on the ground)?

YES 3 NO 10 UNKNOWN 3



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Interrogatory No. 23 Did the SPD officers command Denis Rodriguez Martinez to “stay down” “stay there,” “don’t move,” and “do not touch the knife?”

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 24 When Denis Rodriguez Martinez was on the ground, did any SPD officers indicate they would plan to “move in and cuff him?”

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 25 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez rise off the mattress, return to a standing position, and turn toward the officers and start moving around?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 26 Did Officer Stevenson and Officer Roberson reasonably believe that Denis Rodriguez Martinez was looking around the floor of the bedroom for a weapon or weapons?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 27 Did the SPD officers issue commands to Denis Rodriguez Martinez including “don’t do it” and “get down on the ground”?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 28 Did Officer Roberson attempt to communicate with Denis Rodriguez Martinez in Spanish, saying “policia” (Spanish for ‘police’) and “alto” (Spanish for ‘stop’)?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 29 Were the SPD officers aware of another closed door in the hallway near themselves and Denis Rodriguez Martinez?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0



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Interrogatory No. 30 Did Officer Stevenson and Officer Roberson have reason to believe that the woman who called 911 was either hiding or trapped somewhere in the apartment?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 31 Did Officer Roberson indicate that he was going to holster his firearm in order to grab Denis Rodriguez Martinez?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 32 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez grab a weapon as Officer Roberson began holstering his weapon?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 33 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez grab either of the following particular weapons as Officer Roberson began holstering his weapon?

Large kitchen knife? YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Meat cleaver? YES 0 NO 6 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 34 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez wave a weapon back and forth?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 35 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez move toward the SPD officers?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 36 Did Officer Lawrence Jackson arrive in the apartment shortly before shots were fired?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0



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Interrogatory No. 37 Did any of the following officers fire a bullet or bullets at Denis Rodriguez Martinez?

Officer Stevenson	YES	<u>6</u>	NO	<u>0</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>
Officer Roberson	YES	<u>6</u>	NO	<u>0</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>
Officer Barton	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>
Officer Jackson	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>

Interrogatory No. 38 After shots were fired, did Denis Rodriguez Martinez have a knife in his hand(s)?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 39 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez throw a knife in the direction of the officers?

YES 5 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1

Interrogatory No. 40 Did any of the following officers fire a bullet or bullets at Denis Rodriguez Martinez after a knife was thrown?

Officer Stevenson	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>
Officer Roberson	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>
Officer Barton	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>
Officer Jackson	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>

Interrogatory No. 41 Did bullets fired by any of the following officers strike Denis Rodriguez Martinez?

Officer Stevenson	YES	<u>6</u>	NO	<u>0</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>
Officer Roberson	YES	<u>6</u>	NO	<u>0</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>



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Interrogatory No. 42 Was it reasonable for any officer who fired a bullet to believe that Denis Rodriguez Martinez posed an imminent risk of death or serious bodily injury to SPD officers or others in the apartment at the time that the officer fired a bullet?

Officer Stevenson YES 5 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1 N/A 0

Officer Roberson YES 5 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1 N/A 0

Interrogatory No. 43 Did Officer Stevenson and Officer Roberson provide medical aid to Denis Rodriguez Martinez until the Seattle Fire Department took over?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 44 Did Seattle Fire Department personnel determine no further aid was necessary because Denis Rodriguez Martinez's injuries were incompatible with life?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 45 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez die shortly after 3:44 a.m. in apartment 301 of the Eclair apartments in Seattle?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 46 Did Denis Rodriguez Martinez die as a result of being struck by bullets fired by SPD Officers?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 47 Did bullets fired by any of the following officers cause the death of Denis Rodriguez Martinez?

Officer Stevenson YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 6 N/A 0

Officer Roberson YES 0 NO 0 UNKNOWN 6 N/A 0



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Interrogatory No. 48 Did SPD officers find the female 911 caller, an adult male, and two small children in the second bedroom of the apartment?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 49 Did SPD officers help and escort the female 911 caller, the adult male, and two small children out of the apartment?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

Interrogatory No. 50 Did each of the four SPD officers present at the time of the shooting have body-worn video activated?

YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

QUESTIONS DETERMINING WHETHER DENIS RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ'S DEATH WAS OCCASIONED BY CRIMINAL MEANS

Interrogatory No. 51 Did the following officers meet the "good faith" standard as explained and defined in the Closing Instructions?

Officer Stevenson YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 N/A 0

Officer Roberson YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0 N/A 0

Interrogatory No. 52 Was the following officer's use of deadly force "necessary" as explained and defined in the Closing Instructions?

Officer Stevenson YES 5 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1 N/A 0

Officer Roberson YES 5 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1 N/A 0



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Interrogatory No. 53 Did the following officer use deadly force by criminal means, as explained and defined in the Closing Instructions?

Officer Stevenson	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>
Officer Roberson	YES	<u>0</u>	NO	<u>6</u>	UNKNOWN	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>

By initialing this document, the Presiding Juror attests that they have accurately recorded each juror's answers to each Interrogatory in this document.

DATED this 8 day of April, 2026.

Presiding Juror CHG (initials)



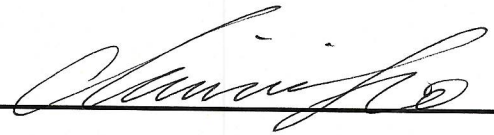
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By signing this page, each juror attests that they have reviewed the answers to the Interrogatories posed to them in the Inquest into the Death of Denis Rodriguez Martinez, Inquest No. _____ and that their own individual answer is accurately recorded in the answers.

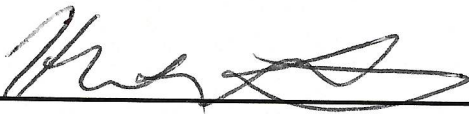
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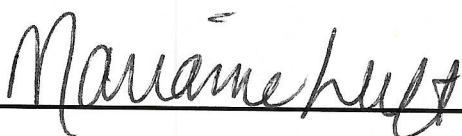
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Juror No. 1

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

If desired, you may provide a written explanation of any of your answers to the interrogatories. You need only provide a written explanation when you believe that a written explanation of your answer would provide information helpful in explaining or interpreting your answer.

Interrogatory No. <u>22</u>	I heard what sounded like Spanish and incoherent, but not any English.
Interrogatory No. <u>40</u>	Body cam video seems to indicate a shot fired as the knife was thrown. Its unclear to me which officer fired the last shot, although Roberson testified that he did. It doesn't appear that the shot was fired after the knife was thrown.
Interrogatory No. <u>47</u>	Its unclear from the ME report whose bullet caused the only fatal wound to Denis Rodriguez Martinez. Of the 5 bullets that struck the victim, we didn't hear testimony as to which came from which officers gun. Ballistics may have been able to determine this.
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	

Juror No. 2

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>47</u>	one shot was fatal due to ME opinion difficult to know which officer shot the fatal shot. We were not given ballistic info.
Interrogatory No. __:	
Interrogatory No. __:	
Interrogatory No. __:	
Interrogatory No. __:	

Juror No. 3

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>27</u>	Unknown - It was not clear he ever spoke any English. I could not clearly tell what languages he was speaking.
Interrogatory No. <u>39</u> :	Unknown It is unclear whether the knife was thrown intentionally or by the momentum of the gunshot wound.
Interrogatory No. <u>47</u> :	Unknown which officer caused the death. Only one wound appeared to be fatal.
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	

Juror No. 4

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No <u>22</u> :	<p><i>I didn't hear any english.</i></p>
Interrogatory No <u>42</u> :	<p>I Imminent it's unclear of the <i>I'm not sure about the reasonable, and did the suspect posed an imminent risk of death</i></p>
Interrogatory No <u>52</u> :	<p><i>unclear about the "necessary" is that possible to use other tactics to de-escalate deescalate the situation.</i></p>
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	

Juror No. 5

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>47</u> :	According to the ME's testimony only one of the shots fired by the officers was fatal. Since both officers Stevenson & Robinson fired shots & the ME stated he couldn't determine which officer fired which shots, the fatal shot could have come from either officer but which is unclear.
Interrogatory No. __:	
Interrogatory No. __:	
Interrogatory No. __:	
Interrogatory No. __:	

Juror No. 6

JUROR EXPLANATION FORM

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Interrogatory No. <u>22</u> :	Don't testify that I remember about English and I don't hear anything on the body video recording that sounded like English. I heard incoherent noises and words and Spanish.
Interrogatory No. <u>47</u> :	Don't know which bullet is from which officer caused the chest wound that ME said was incompatible with life. ME said the four other wounds were survivable.
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	
Interrogatory No. <u> </u> :	