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Reply to Seattle Office

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## An Open Letter

We are the attorneys who have been hired by Charleena Lyles' father, Charles Lyles, to make sure that the pursuit of truth and justice regarding her death will be achieved to the full extent of the law. Only in a civil court will the police and city ever be held accountable for what happened here. Participating in an inquest would play into the hands of the City and would mislead the public into believing that Charleena deserved to die. For these reasons, we will not participate in any inquest proceeding.

As Charleena Lyles' dad and grandfather to her four children, Charles Lyles is the only person authorized by the Court to bring the case against the officers and the city. He is the appropriate person to be in this role. From December 1995 to December 1998, Charleena Lyles lived with Charles and his wife/her stepmother Tina. She (and the children after they were born) also did so for: two months in 2003; two months in 2004; one and a half years from 2007 to 2008; nine months in 2010 and 2011; six months in 2012; eleven months from later in 2012-2013. The two eldest grandchildren also lived with them for three months in 2014.

It is understandable that family members want to express their opinions and take their own actions to seek justice for Charleena Lyles' death. By law however, only Charles Lyles can file suit. In doing so, he will not personally recover damages. His role is undertaken for the benefit of the Estate and his four grandchildren.

We ask for your support and encouragement.

With our sincere regards,



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