

The Honorable Janet Garrow



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
WEST DIVISION-SEATTLE COURTHOUSE

IN RE INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF )  
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CHE TAYLOR, ) No. 516IQ2644  
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 ) FINAL  
 ) INTERROGATORIES TO THE  
 ) INQUEST JURY  
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**QUESTION NO. 1:** On the afternoon of February 21, 2016 were Seattle Police officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding conducting surveillance on Apartment 3 of a complex located at 2024 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St., Seattle Washington (hereinafter referred to as Apartment 3)?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

**QUESTION NO. 2:** Were the officers conducting surveillance in an attempt to locate a criminal suspect, who was not Che Taylor, who had an outstanding drug arrest warrant?

YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0

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2 **QUESTION NO. 3:** Were Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding conducting  
3 surveillance from an unmarked Chevrolet Trail Blazer with tinted windows?

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5 YES 8 NO ~~0~~ UNKNOWN ~~0~~

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7 **QUESTION NO. 4:** During the officers' surveillance did they observe a high amount of  
8 pedestrian and vehicular traffic coming and going from Apartment 3 that appeared to them to be  
9 consistent with drug activity?

10 YES 6 NO ~~0~~ UNKNOWN 2

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12 **QUESTION NO. 5:** At approximately 3:30 p.m. did Officers Scott Miller and Michael  
13 Spaulding observe a black Dodge Magnum arrive from the south of their location and park on the  
14 east side of 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, just south of NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street?

15 YES 8 NO ~~0~~ UNKNOWN ~~0~~

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17 **QUESTION NO. 6:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding recognize the black Dodge  
18 Magnum as similar to a photo recently posted on Che Taylor's social media account?

19 YES 8 NO ~~0~~ UNKNOWN ~~0~~

1           **QUESTION NO. 7:** Were Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding aware that Che  
2 Taylor had recently been released from prison after serving time for violent crimes?

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4           **YES**   5             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   3  

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6           **QUESTION NO. 8:** When the driver of the black Dodge Magnum exited the car, did the  
7 officers recognize him as Che Taylor?

8           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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10           **QUESTION NO. 9:** Did Officer Scott Miller observe Che Taylor wearing a holstered  
11 handgun on his right hip when Mr. Taylor exited the car?

12           **YES**   6             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   2  

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14           **QUESTION NO. 10:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding observe Che Taylor wearing a  
15 holstered handgun on his right hip when Mr. Taylor exited the car?

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17           **YES**   Ø             **NO**   8             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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19           **QUESTION NO. 11:** Did Officer Scott Miller inform Officer Michael Spaulding that he  
20 saw Che Taylor carrying a holstered handgun on his right hip?

21           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø

1                   **QUESTION NO. 12:** Were Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding aware that Mr.  
2 Taylor had been convicted of a crime making it illegal for him to possess a firearm?

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4           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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6                   **QUESTION NO. 13:** Did Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding conduct a records  
7 check and confirm that Mr. Taylor was designated an armed career criminal and that law  
8 enforcement officers were to notify the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms if Mr. Taylor  
9 was found to be in possession of a firearm?

10           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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12                   **QUESTION NO. 14:** After exiting his car did Che Taylor walk across NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
13 and enter Apartment 3?

14           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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16                   **QUESTION NO. 15:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding call Acting Sgt. Christman  
17 requesting back-up units to help arrest Che Taylor?

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19           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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21                   **QUESTION NO. 16:** Did Officer Scott Miller transmit over police radio a request for a  
22 marked patrol unit to assist in taking Che Taylor into custody?

23           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø

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**QUESTION NO. 17:** Did Officers Acuesta, Barnes and Charles Miller respond to the request for assistance?

YES 8                      NO Ø                      UNKNOWN Ø

**QUESTION NO. 18:** Did the officers formulate a plan to arrest Mr. Taylor after he exited apartment 3, and before he could return to his car?

YES 8                      NO Ø                      UNKNOWN Ø

**QUESTION NO. 19:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding observe Che Taylor leave Apartment 3 and begin talking with one or more individuals near the apartment?

YES 8                      NO Ø                      UNKNOWN Ø

**QUESTION NO. 20:** During this time period did a vehicle arrive and park in front of Officer Scott Miller's and Officer Michael Spaulding's vehicle, partially obstructing the officers' view of the area and Che Taylor?

YES 8                      NO Ø                      UNKNOWN Ø



1                   **QUESTION NO. 21:** Did Officer Scott Miller transmit over police radio that they had  
2 lost sight of Che Taylor?

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4           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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6                   **QUESTION NO. 22:** Did Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding observe a white  
7 sedan approach from the south and park behind the black Dodge Magnum?

8           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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10                   **QUESTION NO. 23:** Did Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding observe Che  
11 Taylor exit the front passenger seat of the white sedan?

12           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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14                   **QUESTION NO. 24:** At approximately 4:15 p.m. did Officer Scott Miller radio Officer  
15 Charles Miller and Officers Acuesta and Barnes and ask them to move in to assist in the arrest of  
16 Che Taylor?

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18           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø  

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20                   **QUESTION NO. 25:** Did Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding exit their vehicle  
21 and move towards Mr. Taylor and the white sedan?

22           **YES**   8             **NO**   Ø             **UNKNOWN**   Ø

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**QUESTION NO. 26:** Were Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding wearing plain clothes with department overlay or jackets with "POLICE" and/or "SEATTLE POLICE"?

YES 8                      NO 0                      UNKNOWN 0

**QUESTION NO. 27:** Did Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding have their weapons displayed as they approached Che Taylor?

YES 8                      NO 0                      UNKNOWN 0

**QUESTION NO. 28:** Did Officer Scott Miller verbally identify himself as police when he approached Che Taylor?

YES 2                      NO 0                      UNKNOWN 6

**QUESTION NO. 29:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding verbally identify himself as police when he approached Che Taylor?

YES 0                      NO 5                      UNKNOWN 3

**QUESTION NO. 30:** Did officers give Che Taylor verbal commands to show his hands?

YES 8                      NO 0                      UNKNOWN 0

1           **QUESTION NO. 31:** Did officers give Che Taylor verbal commands to get on the  
2 ground?

3           **YES** 8           **NO** 0           **UNKNOWN** 0

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5           **QUESTION NO. 32:** If yes to answers 30 and 31, did the officers give those commands  
6 at the same time?

7           **YES** 4           **NO** 4           **UNKNOWN** 0

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9           **QUESTION NO 33:** Did Mr. Taylor show his hands after officers commanded him to do  
10 so?

11           **YES** 8           **NO** 0           **UNKNOWN** 0

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13           **QUESTION NO. 34:** Did Mr. Taylor's body position move downward after the officers  
14 commanded him to get on the ground?

15           **YES** 8           **NO** 0           **UNKNOWN** 0

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17           **QUESTION NO. 35:** When Officers Scott Miller and Michael Spaulding approached Che  
18 Taylor and began giving him commands, was Mr. Taylor standing between the open car door and  
19 the front passenger compartment of the white sedan?

20           **YES** 8           **NO** 0           **UNKNOWN** 0



1 **QUESTION NO. 36:** Was there room for Che Taylor to get down on the ground in the  
2 area between the passenger door and the passenger compartment of the white sedan?  
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4 YES 7 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1  
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6 **QUESTION NO. 37:** While approaching Che Taylor did Officer Michael Spaulding see  
7 Mr. Taylor move his right hand to his right hip area?  
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9 YES 6 NO 0 UNKNOWN 2  
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11 **QUESTION NO. 38:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding think that Mr. Taylor was drawing  
12 a handgun from a holster on Mr. Taylor's right hip?  
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14 YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0  
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16 **QUESTION NO. 39:** Did Officer Michael Spaulding fire his department-issued rifle at  
17 Mr. Taylor?  
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19 YES 8 NO 0 UNKNOWN 0  
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21 **QUESTION NO. 40:** At the time he fired his service weapon, did Officer Michael  
22 Spaulding think Che Taylor posed a threat of death or serious bodily injury to Officer Spaulding,  
23 Officer Miller or others?  
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YES 7 NO 0 UNKNOWN 1

1           **QUESTION NO. 41:** While approaching Mr. Taylor, did Officer Scott Miller see Mr.  
2 Taylor move his right hand to his right hip area?

3           YES   0             NO   8             UNKNOWN   0  

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5           **QUESTION NO. 42:** Did Officer Scott Miller think that Che Taylor was drawing a  
6 handgun from a holster on Mr. Taylor's right hip?

7           YES   6             NO   0             UNKNOWN   2  

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9           **QUESTION NO. 43:** Did Officer Scott Miller fire his department-issued shotgun at Mr.  
10 Taylor?

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12           YES   8             NO   0             UNKNOWN   0  

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14           **QUESTION NO. 44:** At the time he fired his service weapon, did Officer Scott Miller  
15 think that Che Taylor posed a threat of death or serious bodily injury to either Officer Scott  
16 Miller, Officer Michael Spaulding or others?

17           YES   0     6             NO   1             UNKNOWN   1  

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19           **QUESTION NO. 45:** Within minutes after the shots were fired, did Officer Charles Miller  
20 observe a black handgun on the floor board of the front passenger seat of the white sedan?

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22           YES   8             NO   0             UNKNOWN   0

1                   **QUESTION NO. 46:** Did any officers observe a handgun in Mr. Taylor's hand after Mr.  
2 Taylor was shot?

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4           **YES**   8             **NO**   8             **UNKNOWN**   0  

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6                   **QUESTION NO. 47:** Did any officers observe a handgun in the holster on Mr. Taylor's  
7 hip after Mr. Taylor was shot?

8           **YES**   0             **NO**   8             **UNKNOWN**   0  

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10                   **QUESTION NO. 48:** Was a black handgun later recovered from under the front passenger  
11 seat of the white sedan?

12           **YES**   8             **NO**   0             **UNKNOWN**   0  

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14                   **QUESTION NO. 49:** Did Officers call for Seattle Fire Department to provide medical aid  
15 to Che Taylor?

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17           **YES**   8             **NO**   0             **UNKNOWN**   0  

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19                   **QUESTION NO. 50:** Was Mr. Taylor handcuffed by police after he was shot?

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21           **YES**   8             **NO**   0             **UNKNOWN**   0

1           **QUESTION NO. 51:** While waiting for Seattle Fire Department medics to arrive did  
2 Seattle Police Officer Escalante perform CPR on Che Taylor while Mr. Taylor was handcuffed?

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4           YES 8           NO Ø           UNKNOWN Ø

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6           **QUESTION NO. 52:** If CPR had been administered sooner to Mr. Taylor at the scene,  
7 would Mr. Taylor have survived the gunshot wounds?

8           YES Ø           NO 8           UNKNOWN Ø

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10           **QUESTION NO. 53:** While treating Che Taylor, did Seattle Firefighter Timothy Hammill  
11 cut off Mr. Taylor's belt and observe a firearm holster attached to the belt at Mr. Taylor's right  
12 hip?

13           YES 8           NO Ø           UNKNOWN Ø

14           **QUESTION NO. 54:** Did Che Taylor die in Seattle, King County, Washington following  
15 the events on February 21, 2016?

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17           YES 8           NO Ø           UNKNOWN Ø

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19           **QUESTION NO. 55:** Did Che Taylor die as a result of gunshot wounds?

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21           YES 8           NO Ø           UNKNOWN Ø

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