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February 24, 2023

Chief Jeffrey Norman
Milwaukee Police Department
749 W. State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: Death of Quievonta Moffett (DOB [REDACTED])

Dear Chief Norman:

This letter is to formally summarize the findings of my office regarding the death of Quievonta Moffett on December 9, 2021. For reasons stated below, we have determined there was no wrongdoing on the part of any Milwaukee Police Department member in this matter.

MPD District 2 officers arrested Moffett on December 8, 2021, at approximately 6 pm, near 1600 Cesar Chavez Drive. Officers originally stopped Moffett in the vehicle he was driving after receiving reliable information that he was engaging in drug activity. During the initial traffic stop of Moffett, officers in plain view observed suspected cocaine in Moffett's lap and later recovered additional cocaine and drug paraphernalia from his vehicle and his person.

Officers conveyed Moffett to the District 2 station for processing and further investigation. In the later hours of the night of December 8, Moffett began exhibiting symptoms of illness. Officers repeatedly asked Moffett if he consumed any drugs, and he repeatedly indicated he did not. He finally admitted to Sergeant William Schmitz that he had swallowed baggies of cocaine. Sergeant Schmitz immediately called for medical assistance for Moffett at 11:43 p.m., and the Milwaukee Fire Department responded to District 2. Despite the determination that Moffett's vital signs were normal, Sergeant Schmitz insisted that Moffett be transported to the hospital, and by 12:05 a.m. on December 9, Moffett was admitted to Ascension St. Francis Hospital.

First responders advised attending hospital personnel that Moffett admitted to ingesting baggies of cocaine, with the additional concern expressed that the cocaine ingested may contain fentanyl. The hospital kept Moffett under observation until discharging him back to the custody of MPD at 2:28 a.m. Moffett was then returned to the District 2 station where he was placed in a holding cell.

Approximately three hours later, Moffett complained that he was not feeling well. An MPD officer responded to him and gave him some food to eat. At approximately 5:38 a.m., Moffett suffered a seizure in his cell and officers immediately responded to him, calling again for medical assistance. Moffett was transported to Froedtert Memorial Hospital, where a CT scan revealed the presence of baggies of cocaine in his stomach. Moffett suffered cardiac arrest, and medical personnel removed

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three baggies from his stomach, including one that still contained cocaine. Despite subsequent medical intervention, Moffett passed away at 9:47 a.m.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy of Moffett and determined his Cause of Death to be Acute Methamphetamine Intoxication due to consuming lethal quantity of methamphetamine and the Manner of Death to be Accidental.

Under all the circumstances presented to MPD after its arrest of Moffett on December 8, 2021, the officers at District 2 responded immediately and appropriately to his emerging medical needs. Significantly, the officers at District 2 immediately and appropriately obtained emergency medical assistance for Moffett, through the Milwaukee Fire Department and local hospitals. My office has completed its review of this matter and will take no further action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kent Lovern".

Kent Lovern
Chief Deputy District Attorney

cc: Assistant Chief Paul Formolo
Assistant Chief Nicole Waldner
Inspector Craig Sarnow
Captain Liam Looney