

2019

February

- February 4, 2019: Governor Inslee signs a bill codifying the voter-approved Initiative 940 into law. The legal changes provide that: "A peace officer shall not be held criminally liable for using deadly force in good faith, where 'good faith' is an objective standard which shall consider all the facts, circumstances, and information known to the officer at the time to determine whether a similarly situated reasonable officer would have believed that the use of deadly force was necessary to prevent death or serious physical harm to the officer or another individual."

May

- May 31, 2019: Auburn Police Officer Nelson confronts and shoots Jesse Sarey, resulting in Mr. Sarey's death.
- May 31, 2019: Valley Investigations Team is called to begin officer involved shooting investigation. The Port of Seattle Police Department is designated as the lead agency for the investigation and begins work.

July

- July 2, 2019: Officer Nelson gave a detailed written account of this incident in a voluntary statement to VIT investigators.
- Autopsy report is provided to VIT investigators. Dr. Brian Mazrim, an associate medical examiner for King County, classifies manner of death as a homicide.

October

- Scientists from the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory examine Officer Nelson's handgun. They determined it was operable and that the two bullets recovered from Mr. Sarey's body at autopsy were fired from Officer Nelson's handgun.
- Grant Fredericks, video expert, is hired to perform video analysis.
- The State retained two use of force experts in order to evaluate the facts in this case, Mr. Jeff Noble and Mr. Scott Haug.

November

- The completed investigation was delivered by the Port of Seattle Police Department to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

2020

February

- Video expert Grant Fredericks performs an examination of the scene.

April

- Fredericks submitted his report on video analysis.

June

- Use of force experts, Mr. Haug and Mr. Noble, submitted their reports.

August

- August 20, 2020: The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office completes internal review and files Murder in the Second Degree and Assault in the First Degree.