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## Office of Law Enforcement Oversight to host public screening and discussion on "Fruitvale Station"

Sheriff's Office, community panel to join roundtable discussion of this riveting film

The King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO), the agency created to provide independent civilian oversight of the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), is hosting a special screening of "Fruitvale Station," the award winning film based on the true story of Oscar Grant, a young man who was killed in 2009 by Transit Police at the Fruitvale Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station in Oakland, California:

## Thursday, August 29th 6:00 p.m. Regal Parkway Plaza Stadium 12 5910 South 180th St, Tukwila, WA

"I remember when this incident happened and the discourse that followed," said OLEO Director Charles Gaither. "I want to ensure that something like this does not happen in King County and that members of <u>all</u> communities are treated with dignity and respect whenever they encounter a Sheriff's Deputy."

After the screening, Director Gaither will moderate a roundtable discussion between the audience and a panel that will include:

- Jennifer Shaw, Deputy Director, ACLU
- Reverend Harriett Walden, Mothers for Police Accountability
- Sergeant Andrew McCurdy, King County Sheriff's Office
- Larry Evans, Legislative Aid, Chairman Gossett, King County Council
- Lester Liggins, Captain, Seattle Police Department, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Washington State Chapter

Areas of discussion will include racial profiling, biased policing, interactions between the public and the police, perceptions of police authority, and the benefits of effective oversight of law enforcement. Space in the theater is limited. If you are interested in attending this event, contact Veronika Singh at 206-263-8870 or <a href="mailto:veronika.singh@kingcounty.gov">veronika.singh@kingcounty.gov</a> by **August 27 at 5:00 p.m.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the screening will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. in Auditorium No. 8.

Concessions will not be provided for

For more information on the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight, go to: <a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/oleo.aspx">www.kingcounty.gov/operations/oleo.aspx</a>