

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN RE THE MATTER OF RECALL

NO. 98897-8

CHARGES AGAINST CITY OF SEATTLE

DECLARATION OF KYLIE AULD

MAYOR JENNY DURKAN (HARVEY)

IN SUPPORT OF RECALL

CHARGES

I, Kylie Auld, declare and state as follows:

1. The information in this declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

2. I live in Seattle, WA, in the Capitol Hill neighborhood near Cal Anderson Park. I am a software engineer by trade.

3. I used to be in the military and received training to be a combat lifesaver. Traumatic brain injuries are part of the training to prepare for front line medical needs, so I have specific knowledge of the signs and symptoms. I also come from a family with licensed medical professionals, and read about new progress in medical science in my spare time. For example, I've recently been reading about new research in sports medicine about concussions.

4. On August 15, 2020, I went out with friends and came back home around midnight. Later that night, I went for a walk at around 2 am.

5. I walked over to Cal Anderson Park and there were some protestors there so I started chatting with them. We were there for a bit when someone started yelling for help. Some of the people I was around went over to the part of the park where people were asking for help.

When I got there, there was a man with a wound on his face and a black eye, he looked like he'd been punched.

6. For the symptoms of a traumatic brain injury or a concussion, there's a number of signs, depending on the severity of the injury. The first thing you do is ask the person who might be injured several questions: who is the president, what year is it, what month is it, what day is it, and what's your name. If they can't answer any of those questions, it's a good indication that something is really wrong.

7. The man was staggering around, very disoriented and combative. I thought he might have a serious concussion based on what I was seeing. I asked the man questions to assess his level of injury. He didn't know who the President was, or what year it was, or what his name was. I was very concerned that he might have experienced a traumatic brain injury.

8. I tried to get the injured man to go willingly into a Lyft so he could be taken to the emergency room. He was combative and uncooperative, and fell to the ground. He stood up again, and then experienced a blow to the head that knocked him unconscious, I don't know how he was hit.

9. I told the people that were there with me that we needed an ambulance with a neck brace and a backboard immediately. The man was unconscious and clearly had a brain injury, and every second counts in those situations. The people there were afraid of the police coming and hurting people, so they didn't want EMT's to come.

10. Someone produced a piece of plywood, we put the unconscious man on it and transported him to private minivan to take him to the emergency room immediately. I rode in the van with the unconscious man while someone drove us to the hospital.

11. We made it a few blocks before a Seattle Police officer pulled us over for running a stop sign on an empty residential side street at approximately 2:30 am. I urgently explained to the officer the situation, that there was a person with a traumatic brain injury in the vehicle who was unconscious.

12. The unconscious man was exhibiting more and more symptoms of serious and life-threatening injury, his body was slack but his jaw clenched involuntarily. His pulse was weakening. I gave the man a single rescue breath in full view of the officer, and continually explained the urgency of the situation, suggesting that he escort us to the hospital where he could issue his traffic citation.

13. The officer showed no concern, ignoring my continued pleas for this man to be taken to the hospital. The man had been unconscious for at least a minute, and seconds count for traumatic brain injuries.

14. I unsuccessfully begged the officer three or four more times to get the man to the hospital and became frustrated by his unwillingness to act, or even acknowledge the urgency of this life-and-death situation where this officer was actively inhibiting life-saving actions. In my frustration, I said to the officer, "holy fucking shit dude, I am gonna strangle you if you don't help us."

15. Immediately, the officer acted with urgency for the first time in our interaction. He ripped off the hoodie I was wearing and violently pulled me out of the van, hitting my knees hard on the curb. The officer also bruised my arm by holding it too tightly. I was non-violent, and did not resist.

16. I was placed under arrest. I repeatedly asked the officers present to take me for medical care before taking me to the jail. I had been injured, and I had also been exposed to

blood and saliva while giving a rescue breath, putting me at great risk for COVID-19 and blood-borne illnesses.

17. The officers refused me medical care. The officer I had tried to convince to take us to the hospital was especially intent on making sure I went to jail. It seemed like the only thing he cared about.

18. More officers showed up to the scene after I was in handcuffs, maybe 30 of them, all in riot gear. I was then taken to King County Jail where they told him they won't book a person during the pandemic just because he didn't like how he was talked to.

19. I was then released at the hospital where I got blood tests for Hepatitis Alphabet and HIV. The doctor told me it was too close to exposure to get a positive COVID-19 test, so I am quarantining.

20. As of this writing, I have no knowledge of whether or not the injured man made it to the hospital or survived.

21. I took photos of my injuries, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits A-C.

Signed this 19th day of August, 2020 at Seattle, WA. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

By _____

Kylie Auld