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August 8, 2024

BPC #24-168

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles, Room 395
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF HIT-AND-RUN REWARD OFFER DR NO. 1912-25175.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, July 30, 2024, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A blue ink signature of Rebecca Munoz, written in a cursive style.

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

July 19, 2024
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER DR NO. 1912-25175

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE the attached application of Special Reward Payment.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council the Application for Special Reward Payment for review and approval.

DISCUSSION

On April 15, 2015, the City Council amended the Los Angeles Administrative Code and created a Hit-and-Run Reward Program Trust. This reward program was created to encourage community members to provide information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction, or resolution through civil compromise, of suspects who fail to stop and render aid at a traffic collision.

It is requested that the Board approve and transmit to the City Council the recommendation to approve this reward to be paid to the Claimant in the amount of \$50,000. The claimant provided information that was vital in assisting with a fatal hit-and-run case DR No. 1912-25175. The claimant positively identified the suspect as the hit-and-run driver, who was convicted to 11 years in state prison. Attached are the applications for the reward.

On October 20, 2019, the suspect was driving northbound on McKinley Avenue when he ran a stop sign at a high rate of speed and struck the victim's vehicle, which was traveling westbound on 76th Street. After the crash, the suspect exited his vehicle and fled the scene on foot without rendering aid to the victims, in violation of the law. A passenger in the suspect's vehicle sustained serious fractures and the driver of the vehicle the suspect collided with sustained fatal injuries.

The claimant observed the suspect exit his vehicle after the crash and attempted to flee on foot by blending in the crowd. The claimant got in his own vehicle and pursued the suspect who was observed several blocks from the crash site. The claimant flagged down a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer and identified the suspect as the fleeing driver. The suspect was transported back to the scene by CHP where he was detained by officers with the Los Angeles Police Department

South Traffic Division. The suspect was transported to University of Southern California Medical Center by Los Angeles Fire Department where he was treated for injuries sustained from the crash.

On October 21, 2019, Detective III Ryan Moreno, Serial No. 32013, South Traffic Division, obtained the suspect's statement where he admitted to driving recklessly resulting in a collision that caused fatal injuries to the driver of the other vehicle involved and severe fractures to his passenger. The suspect also admitted to fleeing the scene of the crash without stopping to render aid. The suspect was arrested and booked at 77th Jail for 187(a)PC- Murder (Booking #5779505).

On October 23, 2019, the Los Angeles District Attorney's office filed one count 187(a) PC-Murder (Court Case No. BA482119).

On March 23, 2021, the suspect was sentenced to eleven years in state prison.

It is the opinion of the investigating detective and the district attorney assigned to this case that the information provided by the claimant was vital in the arrest and conviction of the suspect, making the claimant eligible to receive the reward payment.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Commander Craig Valenzuela, Serial No. 33440, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0680.

Respectfully,



DOMINIC H. CHOI
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *July 30, 2024*
Secretary *Rebecca Munez*

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG -- LAPD
DUPE -- City Clerk
DUPE -- Claimant

Mail to: Traffic Coordination Section, 100 W. First St, Room #469, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Neither the filing nor submitting of information, nor the receipt or consideration thereof by the City, shall establish legal claim to, or right of recovery of, any reward offered. The provision of payment shall be governed by Chapter 12, Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

1. PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT: Last, [Redacted] First, [Redacted] Middle, [Redacted]
2. ADDRESS: (Street) [Redacted] (City) [Redacted] (State - Zip) [Redacted]
Daytime Phone & Contact Person [Redacted]
3. TODAY'S DATE: 3/26/2024
4. OCCUPATION: [Redacted]
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: [Redacted]
6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: (For payment purposes) [Redacted]

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES: (Fill in or mark ALL that apply)

NOTE: The applicant is responsible for providing ALL of the following required information. A claim that does not provide the following required information may be disapproved for insufficient information.

7. DATE OF INCIDENT: 10/20/2019
8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 3:55 AM PM
 NOON MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: McKinley Avenue + 76th street
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: 187PC / 192CPC / 20001AVC
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: suspect, drove vehicle w/ reckless disregard for human life and caused the crash that killed the victim/caused severe inju to a second victim.
12. X APPLICANT SIGNATURE [Redacted]
13. X PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Guzman, Andrew Serial # 37238 Agency LAPD / So. Traffic
Phone # (213) 924-3621

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: Dist 1912-25175 Dorado, Martin (Deceased) / Brown, Brandon (Severe Injury)

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION
INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: Yes No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
REWARD CLAIM CHECKLIST

This form must be submitted with the Department's recommendation concerning payment of the reward.
One checklist must be submitted for each claimant.

COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: _____ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER 1912-25175
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION 187PC REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ REWARD EXPIRATION DATE _____
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO (Check one) DATE RECEIVED: 3/26/24
CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.)
CASE INVEST BY: LAPD STO/CIFU OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Guzman, A. Telephone: (323) 421-2500
Chavarria, G. Telephone: (213) 924-3621
(Name and Serial No.)

The above claimant is ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment of a reward pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 18, Chapter 12, Sections 18.120 through 18.129.4.

Reason(s) for claimant being NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment

- Claimant is a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose employment includes duties of law enforcement.
- Claimant obtained information for a relative who is a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee, and that person obtained the information in the course of his/her employment.
- Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement.
- Claimant has provided continued cooperation with the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made.
- Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward.
- Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered.
- The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant.
- Other: _____
- The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.

Explanation:

(If additional space is needed, use next page)

APPROVED BY _____ RANK/TITLE _____

Attachment #2