

MOTION FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT

AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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On April 8, 2006, a 29 year-old female patient reported to police that she had been sexually assaulted while under medical care at Tarzana Hospital. A West Valley Detective identified Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar, 39, as the suspect. The investigation yielded two more victims who were both recovering from surgery in their hospital rooms when Gaspar allegedly assaulted them. After a warrant was issued, Gaspar surrendered to a judge on June 15, 2006 and was released on \$150,000 bail. Several additional victims have since come forward and contacted police regarding Gaspar. He has subsequently skipped bail and detectives believe he still poses a threat as a sexual predator.

The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar.

I THEREFORE MOVE that by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar is an at-large suspect in multiple sexual assault cases.
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person or persons who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.
3. That the crimes committed by Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar are especially disturbing and therefore, as a matter of public policy, the City hereby offers a reward as an added inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar.
4. That the sum of \$50,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.
5. That the offer of reward shall be in effect for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

PRESENTED BY

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Councilmember, 3rd District

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