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October 26, 2021

BPC #21-118

The Honorable Eric Garcetti  
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 REWARD OFFER ON CF NO. 16-0010-S16

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, June 29, 2021 the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

BPC 21-118  
REVIEWED *Richard M. TeBank* 6/24/21  
RICHARD M. TE BANK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DATE

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POLICE COMMISSION

June 23, 2021  
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**TO:** Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL  
FILE NO. 16-0010-S16

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners REVIEW and APPROVE the attached Application for 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 Friday, March 25, 2016, at approximately 1410 hours, a 27-year-old male was standing with a group of individuals, in front of the business located at 5507 South Vermont Avenue. A male suspect approached on foot and fired several rounds in the direction of the group. Ellis was struck by the gunfire and collapsed.

Los Angeles Fire Department Rescue Ambulance No. 246 responded to the scene and transported Ellis to California Hospital. Ellis failed to respond to emergency medical treatment and was pronounced deceased.

During the investigation, detectives located surveillance video of the suspect prior to and immediately after the shooting but were unable to positively identify him.

On Thursday, April 14, 2016, Homicide Detectives announced their intention to obtain approval for a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person responsible for this murder. During the press conference making this announcement, video footage of the suspect was released to the public. The following day, a witness contacted detectives and provided information that led to the identification, arrest and conviction of Tyrone Foster Jr. On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Foster was sentenced to 90 years to life for the murder of the victim and attempted murders of five unidentified victims, Superior Court Case No. BA446457.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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It is the opinion of the lead detective, Detective Eric Crosson, the witness is qualified for the reward offer. The information provided by the witness was directly responsible for the identification, prosecution, and conviction of Tyrone Foster Jr. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds be paid to the claimant listed on the attached Applications for Special Reward Payment.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Operations-West Bureau Commanding Officer, Deputy Chief Vito N. Palazzolo, at (323) 473-0277.

Respectfully,

  
MICHEL MOORE  
Chief of Police

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Approved *by June 29, 2021*  
Secretary *Marina Silva*

Attachments

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT**

**DISTRIBUTION**

ORIG - LAPD  
DUPE - City Clerk  
DUPE - Claimant

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, Witness (Confidential) First: Middle

2. ADDRESS: (Street) (City) (State - Zip)  
Daytime Phone & Contact Person  
**Confidential - In Care of Investigating Officer**

3. TODAY'S DATE: 4. OCCUPATION:  
**05/27/2021** Unknown:

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: 6. SOCIAL SECURITY #:  
**Confidential** (For payment purposes)

**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: 3/25/2016 8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 2:15 PM \_\_\_\_\_ NOON  
\_\_\_\_\_ MIDNIGHT  
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 5507 South Vermont Avenue, City and County of Los Angeles

TYPE OF CRIME / INVESTIGATION: **Murder-(1) Victim deceased, (5) Attempt Murder**

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: On March 25, 2016, the victim was standing in front of a barbershop, within a group of at least 7 other individuals, when the suspect, Tyrone Foster Jr., approached the location and fired multiple rounds in the direction of the group. The victim, Robert Ellis, was struck and killed by the gunfire. The suspect fled the location

12. X Detectives For Applicant 13 X  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Detective Eric Crosson Serial# 32355 Agency LAPD/Operations-West  
Bureau Phone # (323) 473-0447

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:  
Robert Ellis DR No. 1612-09986

RECOMMENDATION: X APPROVAL        DISAPPROVAL INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: X Yes        No

       INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT

       INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

The witness (confidential) contacted detectives and provided information that assisted detectives in identifying the murder suspect in this case. All leads had become cold and detectives had been unable to proceed with the investigation. Once identified, detectives were able to pursue additional leads and identified Tyrone Foster Jr. as the suspect. Murder and attempt murder charges were filed against Foster. During the trial of People V. Foster et al., Case BA.446457. The trial resulted in murder, attempt murder and special allegations convictions. He was sentenced to 90 years to life.

**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: 16-0010-S16 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 1612-09986

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Murder/ Attempt Murder REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/16/2016 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 04/08/2018

INFO. REC'D WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT:  YES  NO DATE REC'D: 04/16/2016  
(circle one)

CLAIMANT: Witness CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD South Bureau Homicide Division OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: Detective Eric Crosson Telephone: (323 ) 473-0447  
Detective Shawn Svoboda Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 19, Chapter 12, Sections 19.120 through 19.129.4.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant is a City officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose employment includes duties of law enforcement.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer or in some other manner for the actions which are the bases for | <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.   |   |

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(If additional space is needed, use back of form.)

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 3, 2021

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**TO:** Commanding Officer, Fiscal Group

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Operations-West Bureau

**SUBJECT:** PAYMENT ON REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL FILE NO. 16-0010-S16

On Friday, March 25, 2016, at approximately 1410 hours, Victim Robert Ellis Jr., a 27-year-old male Black, was standing, within a group of individuals, in front of the business located at 5507 South Vermont Avenue. A male suspect approached, on foot, and fired several rounds in the direction of the group. Ellis was struck by the gunfire and collapsed.

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It is the opinion of the lead detective, Detective Eric Crosson, the witness is qualified for the reward offer. The information provided by the witness enabled murder charges to be filed on the defendant and was directly responsible for the identification, and conviction of Tyrone Foster Jr. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds be paid to the claimant listed on the attached Applications for Special Reward Payment.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Operations-West Bureau Commanding Officer, Deputy Chief Vito N. Palazzolo, at (323) 473-0277.

  
VITO N. PALAZOLLO  
Commanding Officer  
Operations-West Bureau