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January 11, 2022

BPC #22-012

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 CITY COUNCIL FILE NO. 08-0010

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

January 5, 2022
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POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL
FILE NO. 08-0010

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissions (Board) 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

In June of 2006, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) West Valley Area Sex Crimes Detectives were investigating allegations by multiple former patients of Eduardo Ramon Rodas Gaspar, a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at Tarzana Hospital. The patients described being sexually assaulted by Gaspar post-surgery, some while still under the influence of anesthesia. On June 15, 2006, Gaspar was arrested for three felony counts of sexual assault. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office charged Gaspar with multiple counts of sexual assault.

On July 7, 2006, LAPD West Valley Sex Crimes Detectives conducted a news release asking for the public's help in identifying additional victims. After the release, several additional victims came forth describing similar sexual assaults by Gaspar while they were patients at Tarzana Hospital. Upon learning the additional information, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed seven additional felony counts against Gaspar, he skipped bail and disappeared with his wife and 6-year-old son.

After Gaspar's disappearance, LAPD West Valley Sex Crimes Detectives initiated an active manhunt for Gaspar. One of the initiatives was to hold a news conference, again asking for the public's help to find him. When that gave detectives no viable leads, detectives reached out to then Councilman Dennis Zine and asked for a monetary reward to anyone who provided police with a lead that would result in getting Gaspar back into custody. Initially, Zine's office offered

\$50,000. When that did not generate any good leads, the reward was increased to \$75,000. A few weeks after the news conference asking the public for information regarding Gaspar's whereabouts and announcing an increased reward, Detective Toosbuy of the LAPD West Valley Sex Crimes Unit received a phone call from Witness who explained she had information regarding Gaspar's whereabouts. Detective Toosbuy met Witness under the condition of ensuring her anonymity. During this meeting, Witness told Detective Toosbuy that Gaspar had fled to Guatemala, his country of birth. Specifically, he had returned to his hometown and was living with relatives. Witness knew this because Gaspar's adult daughter had been instructed by Gaspar to call him from Witness' home in order to avoid the risk of being "wiretapped" by police.

With this information from Witness, detectives were now able to confirm Gaspar's location in Guatemala with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which in turn enabled detectives in obtaining a foreign extradition warrant through the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. After the warrant was issued, Gaspar was arrested in Guatemala by local authorities who then turned Gaspar over to the FBI. Special agents of the FBI subsequently transported Gaspar back to the United States on June 26, 2017, and he was taken into LAPD custody. Gaspar was tried and convicted for the crimes he committed. On October 21, 2021, the Los Angeles City Council approved the motion to reinstate the reward for payment for the sexual assaults at Tarzana Hospital.

Without the tip/information provided by Witness, Gaspar would not have been located and subsequently prosecuted and convicted for his heinous crimes. The information provided was instrumental in the capture of Gaspar. Gaspar pled guilty on a plea bargain for five felony counts on June 9, 2019.

Respectfully,


MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *January 11, 2022*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

July 22, 2021
1.7

TO: Commanding Officer, Fiscal Group

FROM: Commanding Officer, Operations-Valley Bureau

SUBJECT: PAYMENT ON REWARD OFFER FOR COUNCIL FILE NO. 08-0010

On February 3, 2009, a \$75,000 reward was offered by the Los Angeles City Council for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar, the alleged perpetrator that sexually assaulted numerous patients, post surgery, some while still under the influence of anesthesia. Attached is a copy of the City Council Motion approving payment of the reward.

A community member came forward with information to Detective Toosbuy of the LAPD West Valley Sex Crimes Unit. Detective Toosbuy met with the citizen to verify the lead. The community member advised Toosbuy that Gaspar returned to his home country of Guatemala and was living with relatives. Detectives were able to confirm Gaspar's location in Guatemala with the assistance of the FBI. A foreign warrant was issued and local authorities arrested Gaspar in Guatemala. On June 26, 2017, Gaspar was taken into LAPD custody. He was tried and convicted for the crimes he committed.

The information received from the community member led to the arrest of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar. On August 20, 2019, Gaspar was sentenced to seven years in state prison and is a registered sex offender, Court Case No. LA052625, DR No. 0610-13138.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Detective II Katherine Gosser at West Valley Division, Sexual Assault Unit, (818) 374-7717.



ALAN S. HAMILTON, Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Operations Valley-Bureau

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION
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DUPE - Claimant

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

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 18 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

1. PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT:
Last, Anonymous-Claimant "A" First, _____ Middle, _____
2. ADDRESS: (Street) in care of I/O Gosser #32487 (City) _____ (State - Zip) _____
Radio Phone & Contact Person: (818)374-7717
3. TODAY'S DATE: 04/10/2008
4. OCCUPATION: Confidential
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: Confidential
6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____
(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: 04/07/2008
8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 0700 ☒ AM ☐ PM
☐ NOON ☐ MIDNIGHT
- LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Tarzana Hospital 18321 Clark Street, Tarzana, California
- TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Sexual Penetration with a Foreign Object
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Victim was a patient and recovering from surgery. Suspect Ramon Gaspar was an employee. He sexually assaulted the patient and multiple other victims as an employee.

12. ☒ APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____
13. ☒ PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years) _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Gosser Serial # 32487 Agency LAPD
Phone # (818)374-7717

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: Confidential Victim Courtney R.

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: 08-0010

DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 0610-13138

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Sexual Assault

REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 75,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/08/2008

REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: _____

INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
(Check one)

DATE RECEIVED: 02/01/2009

CLAIMANT: Anonymous "A"

CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____

(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD WVAL/SEX

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____

(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: Detective Gasser #32487

Telephone: (818) 374-7717

(Name and Serial No.)

Telephone: () _____

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 18.129 through 18.133.4.

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 in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward. | <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:

(If additional space is needed, use next page.)

APPROVED BY

David J. Armin

RANK/TITLE

Captain / C/S West Valley Area

KAREN E. KALFAYAN
Interim City Clerk

HOLLY WOLCOTT
Executive Officer

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

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Acting Chief, Council and Public Services
Division

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February 10, 2009

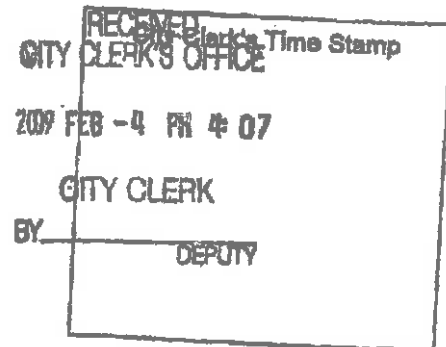
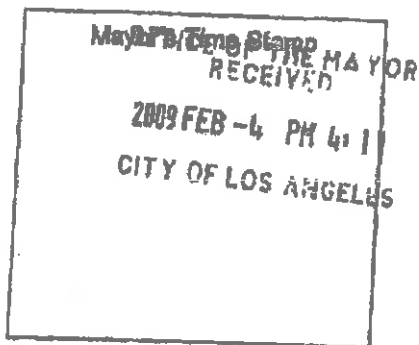
To All Interested Parties:

cc: Public Safety Committee Clerk (w/ file)

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council file
No. 08-0010, at its meeting held February 3, 2009.

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City Clerk
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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 08-0010

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE February 3, 2009

RE: REINSTATING THE REWARD OFFER IN THE STRING OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON PATIENTS UNDER MEDICAL CARE AT THE TARZANA HOSPITAL AND FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF RAMON EDUARDO RODAS GASPAR, THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT FEB 17 2009
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

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APPROVED


*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing
pursuant to Charter Section 341

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL

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MAYOR

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PLACEMENT ON NEXT AGENDA TO BE POSTED	#56
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MOTION

I MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the string of sexual assaults on patients under medical care at Tarzana Hospital and for the identification, apprehension, and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar, the alleged perpetrator (Council Action of January 15, 2008, as amended by Council Action of March 4, 2008 CF 08-0010), and that the reward offer be reinstated for an additional period of six months from the date of publication of the offer of reward by the Office of the City Clerk and, further, that the sum of \$75,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

PRESENTED BY:


DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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Office of the City Clerk, City of Los Angeles

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Council File Number

08-0010

Title

PATIENT ASSAULTS / TARZANA HOSPITAL

Subject

Motion - That the City Council provide an offer of reward in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar, an at-large suspect for multiple sexual assault cases at Tarzana Hospital, and in support thereof, make the findings as stated in the Motion, pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

Last Change Date

02/11/2009

Expiration Date

01/29/2011

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DENNIS ZINE

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Reward Amount

\$50,000.00

Reward Duration

180 days

Reward Post Date

02/11/2008

Reward Expire Date

08/11/2008

Action History for Council File 08-0010

Date Activity

02/11/2009 File closed.

02/06/2009 Mayor concurred with Council Action of February 3, 2009.

02/04/2009 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is February 16, 2009.

02/03/2009 Council adopted action(s).

01/29/2009 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on February 3, 2009.

01/27/2009 Motion introduced in Council.

Archive History

1-8-08 - This day's Council session

1-8-08 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk for placement on next available Council agenda

1-15-08 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED

1-24-08 - File to Mayor

2-1-08 - Mayor's message concurred in Council Action of January 15, 2008

2-1-08 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk

2-6-08 - File to Public Safety Committee Clerk

2-29-08 - This day's Council session - Motion - Zine Mover 2008 / Smith - That the Council action of January 15, 2008, relative to a reward offer for the identification, apprehension, and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar (CF 08-0010), BE AMENDED to increase the amount of the reward offer from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

2-29-08 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk for placement on next available Council agenda

3-4-08 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED

3-5-08 - File to the Mayor

3-12-08 - Mayor's message concurred in Council Action of March 4, 2008

3-19-08 - File to Public Safety Committee Clerk for processing

4-28-08 - File in files

FRANK T. MARTINEZ
City Clerk

KAREN M. KALEYAN
Executive Officer

When making inquiries
relative to this matter
refer to File No.

08-0010

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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Chief, Council and Public Services Division
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March 13, 2008

Public Safety Committee Clerk (with file)
City Clerk, Administrative Services
Police Department
Attn: Investigative Analysis Section
Controller, Room 300
Accounting Division, F&A
Disbursement Division

Councilmember Zine
Councilmember Smith
City Attorney

RE: INCREASING THE OFFER OF REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION,
APPREHENSION, AND CONVICTION OF RAMON EDUARDO RODAS GASPAR

At the meeting of the Council held March 4, 2008, the following action was taken:

Attached motion (Zine - Smith) adopted..... X
Attached resolution adopted..... 03-12-08
Mayor concurred.....
Findings adopted.....
Negative Declaration adopted.....
Categorically exempt.....
Generally exempt.....
EIR certified.....
Tract map approved for filing with the County Recorder.....
Parcel map approved for filing with the County Recorder.....

Frank T. Martinez

City Clerk
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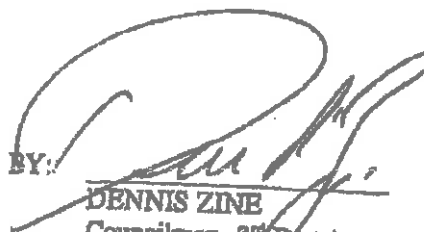
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TO CITY CLERK RESOLUTION NO. 59 TO BE POSTED	#59
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MOTION

I MOVE that the Council action of 1-15-08 relative to a reward offer for the identification, apprehension, and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar (CP 08-0010), BE AMENDED to increase the amount of the reward offer from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

PRESENTED BY:


DENNIS ZINE
Councilman, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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Motion
ADOPTED

MAR 04 2008

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FEB 29 2008

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**MOTION FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
AGENDA TO BE POSTED**

#52

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.


REC'D BY NWC

JAN 8 2008

PRESENTED BY


DENNIS ZINE
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY


08-0010

NEWS CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Ex-fugitive gets 7 years in prison for sexually abusing patients at a Tarzana hospital

By news@socalnews.com |
PUBLISHED: July 10, 2019 at 12:09 a.m. | UPDATED: July 10, 2019 at 12:12 a.m.

VAN NUYS — A former nursing assistant who was a fugitive for more than a decade after being charged with was sentenced Tuesday to seven years in state prison and ordered to register as a sex offender for life.





Ramon Gaspar. (File photo)

Ramon Eduardo Rodas Gaspar, 50, pleaded no contest June 7 to four felony counts of sexual battery by fraud and one felony count of sexual penetration of an unconscious person, according to Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kraetsch.

The charges involved crimes committed against five female patients between February 2005 and April 2006, a spokeswoman for the District Attorney's Office said shortly after Gaspar's plea.



Former patients reported being sexually assaulted by Gaspar after undergoing surgery, some while still under the effects of anesthesia, according to the Los Angeles Police Department, which launched an investigation in June 2006.

Gaspar — who worked for two years at what was known at the time as Tarzana Hospital — failed to show up for a July 2006 court hearing, resulting in a bench warrant being issued for him nearly a month after a \$150,000 bond was posted on his behalf.

The case was featured on the Fox Broadcasting series "America's Most Wanted" and investigators learned Gaspar had fled to Guatemala, where he was arrested in February 2017. He was subsequently returned to Southern California, where he has remained jailed.



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