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October 4, 2022

BPC #22-207

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 ON REWARD OFFER COUNCIL FILE NO. 18-0010-S31.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 4, 2022 the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Muñoz".

REBECCA MUÑOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL
FILE NO. 18-0010-S31

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (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

It is requested that the Board approve and transmit to the City Council the recommendation that a previously approved reward offer be paid to community members who were instrumental in identifying a suspect who was arrested and convicted of murder, DR No. 18-01-27686, City Council File No. 18-0010-S31. On November 7, 2018, Fernando Perez was fatally stabbed in Central Area, near downtown Los Angeles. An exhaustive investigation was conducted; however, the identity of the suspect was unknown.

On December 5, 2018, a reward of \$50,000 was approved by the City Council and a press conference was held announcing the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect in the murder. After the announcement, two key witnesses came forward and provided detectives with vital information that led to the arrest of the suspect Fred Johnson. The first witness "K" provided information that identified Johnson and the second witness "G" directed the arresting law enforcement agency to a motel in the city of Anaheim where Johnson was taken into custody.

The District Attorney's Office filed one count of murder and Johnson subsequently pleaded guilty to the charges. The community members remained available to detectives and prosecutors

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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throughout the court process. It is requested that the reward funds be paid to the two witnesses in the amount of \$15,000 payable to witness "K", and \$35,000 payable to witness "G".

It is the opinion of the investigating officers and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to the case that the Claimants' information resulted in the arrest and conviction of the suspect Fred Johnson, who was sentenced to 12 years in state prison on May 12, 2021.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

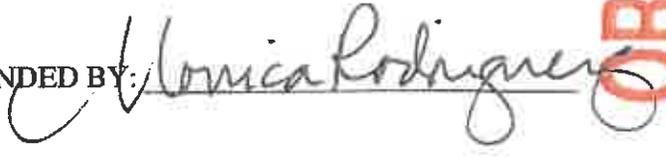
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**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *October 4, 2022*
Secretary *Rebecca Muñoz*

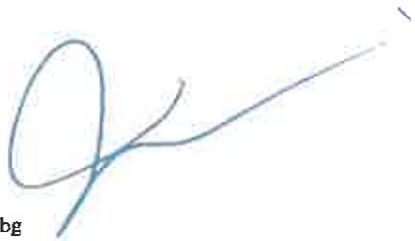
MOTION

I MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the death of Fernando Perez on November 6, 2018 (Council Action of December 5, 2018, C.F. 18-0010-S31) and that the reward offer be reinstated for an additional period of six months from the publication of the renewed offer of reward by the City Clerk and, further, that the sum of \$50,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

PRESENTED BY: 
KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 

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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, _____ First, _____

2. ADDRESS: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State - Zip) _____
Daytime Phone & Contact Person _____

3. TODAY'S DATE: 05/23/2022

4. OCCUPATION: _____

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: _____

6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____
(For payment purposes)

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

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: 11/06/2019

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 2027 AM PM
 NOON MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 9th Street and Hope Street

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Murder

9. INCIDENT: The victim, Fernando Perez, was stabbed to death near the area of 9th Street and Flower Street.

12. APPLICANT SIGNATURE: DET SHARMAN For

3. PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Det J. Sharman Serial # 35179 Agency LAPD
Phone # (213)996-4171

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Fernando Perez

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

The witness provided information that helped lead to the identity of the suspect. Therefore, 25 percent of the reward should be paid to the witness.

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: 18-0010-S31 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 1801-27686
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Murder REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 15,000
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/05/2018 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 06/05/2019
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE RECEIVED: 12/20/2018
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.)
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD Central / Homicide OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Det J. Sharman Telephone: (213) 996-4171
Det J. Vander Lee Telephone: (213) 486-1193
(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 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 [Signature] 32615 RANK/TITLE D-III CBH Homicide Coordinator

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

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1. PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT:
Last, _____ First, _____ Middle _____

2. ADDRESS: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State - Zip) _____
Daytime Phone & Contact person _____

3. TODAY'S DATE: 05/23/2022

4. OCCUPATION: _____

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: _____

6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____
(For payment purposes)

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9. DESCRIPTION OF The victim, Fernando Perez, was stabbed to death near the area of 9th Street and Flower Street.

12. APPLICANT SIGNATURE J. SHARMAN 13. PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Det J. Sharman Serial # 35179 Agency LAPD
Phone # (213)996-4171

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Fernando Perez

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

The witness provided information that led to the arrest of the suspect. The witness testified in open court at the preliminary hearing in which the suspect was held to answer. As a result, the suspect pleaded guilty. On May 12, 2021, the suspect was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in state prison; therefore, 75 percent of the reward should be paid to the witness.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
REWARD CLAIM CHECKLIST**

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COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: 18-0010-S31 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 1801-27686
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Murder REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 35,000
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/05/2018 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 06/05/2019
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE RECEIVED: 12/22/2018
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
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Reason(s) for claimant being NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment

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APPROVED BY [Signature] 32045 RANK/TITLE DTIE CBH Homicide 6500-1471

