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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



September 28, 2022  
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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

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

Attachments

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

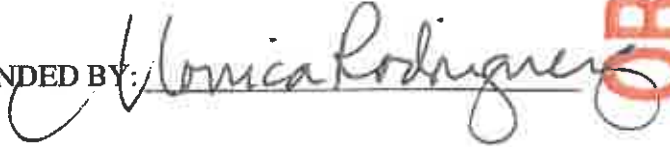
## MOTION

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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT**

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  
(Check one)

DATE RECEIVED: 12/20/2018

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"/> 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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APPROVED BY



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RANK/TITLE

D-III CBH Homicide Coordinator

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**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.

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REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 06/05/2019

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

DATE RECEIVED: 12/22/2018

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Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED BY [Signature] 32045 RANK/TITLE DTIE CBIT Homicide 60500-471



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Office of the City Clerk, City of Los Angeles

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**Council File Number**

18-0010-S31

**Title**

Fernando Perez / Reward

**Last Change Date**

12/11/2021

**Expiration Date**

12/03/2023

**Mover**

KEVIN DE LEON

**Second**

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

**Mover/Second Comment**

Motion (Huizar - Englander) 11/28/2021

**Reward Amount**

\$50,000.00

**Reward Duration**

180 days

**Reward Post Date**

**Reward Expire Date**

**Action History for Council File 18-0010-S31**

**Date**

**Activity**

12/11/2021 Council action final.

12/07/2021 Council adopted item forthwith.

12/07/2021 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is December 17, 2021.

12/03/2021 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on December 7, 2021.

11/30/2021 Motion referred to Council.

12/11/2018 Council action final.

12/11/2018 Mayor transmitted Council File to City Clerk.

12/07/2018 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is December 17, 2018.

12/05/2018 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.

11/30/2018 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on December 5, 2018.

11/28/2018 Motion document(s) referred to Council (tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2018).