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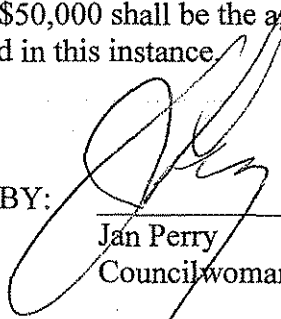
Since 1999, a sexual predator dubbed the "Teardrop Rapist" has preyed on teenage girls and young women between the ages of 14-27 throughout the City. The suspect has been described as a male Latino, approximately 5'5"-5'9", slight to medium build, with brown hair and eyes with one or two teardrop tattoos under his right or left eye, which he may have attempted to remove. To date, over twenty sexual assaults have taken place during the early morning hours that have been linked, either through DNA evidence, or modus operandi to this sexual predator suspect. Los Angeles Police Department detectives have conducted an exhaustive investigation and have been unable to identify the suspect and believe that no new information will develop without community assistance.

The person responsible for these crimes represents 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 and apprehension of this criminal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

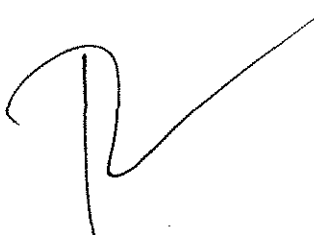
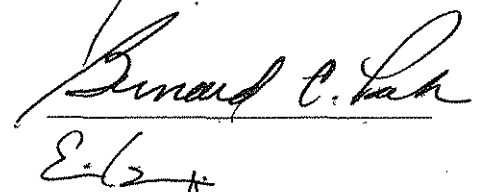
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the "Teardrop Rapist" (Council Action of July 7, 2003 CF 03-0010-S29) and that the reward offer be reinstated for an additional 6 months from the publication of the offer of reward by the Office of the City Clerk 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:



Jan Perry
Councilwoman, 9th District

SECONDED BY:



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