

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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April 25, 2018

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Memorandum 5/3/18

TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFERS ON CITY COUNCIL
FILE NO. 09-0010-S9 AND NO.10-0010-S20.

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

On December 11, 2008, the bodies of 43-year-old Khachik Safaryan and his 8-year-old daughter Lusine Safaryan were discovered shot to death inside their Hollywood Apartment, located at 1227 Tamarind Avenue.

On January 30, 2009 a \$75,000 reward was offered on a motion approved by the Los Angeles City Council for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of Khachik Safaryan and Lusine Safaryan. The crimes remained unsolved for the next 17 months.

On March 26, 2010, the wife of Khachik Safaryan was discovered shot to death inside her vehicle parked in the carport, behind 5850 Lexington Avenue.

On April 13, 2010, the Los Angeles City Council reinstated the \$75,000 reward for an additional six months. Detectives also requested a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Karine Hakobyan. The request was approved by the City Council on May 5, 2010.

On April 19 and May 11, 2010, a witness came forward with information which led to the recovery of one of the murder weapons as well as information identifying Alberd Tersargsyan as the person responsible for all three homicides. The witness also provided information which was used to further prove Tersargsyan's involvement in a fourth murder, the murder of Julie Kates, who was killed on March 11, 2010.

Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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Albert Tersargyan, aka Albert Huratunyan was charged with four counts of murder under Case No. BA370872.

On August 23, 2011, the witness testified before the Grand Jury of the Los Angeles County, Reference No GJ11-12/08. The defendant Alberd Tersargyan, AKA Albert Huratunyan was indicted on four counts of 187 (a) PC, Murder with Special Circumstances.

Over the next several years the witness made himself available to the investigative team, including the prosecutors from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

On March 26, 2018, the trial in The People of the State of California vs Albert Huratunyan, Case No. BA 382886, began with jury selection. The witness again made himself available and was scheduled to testify on April 12, 2018.

On April 1, 2018, at 0330 hours, the defendant Albert Huratunyan committed suicide while housed in the Los Angeles County jail.

It is the opinion of the investigating officer and the deputy district attorneys assigned to this case, that the testimony provided by the witness resulted in the arrest and subsequent indictment on four counts of murder against the defendant. It is also the opinion of the investigative team that the testimony of the witness would have resulted in a guilty verdict being returned by the jury.

Should you have any questions, please contact William P. Hayes, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,



CHARLES BECK
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *May 8, 2018*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG -- LAPD
DUPE -- City Clerk
DUPE -- Claimant

Neither the filing or 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, CARE OF I/O First, Middle

2. ADDRESS: (Street) (City) (State - Zip)
CA 91501 DAY TIME PHONE ()

3. TODAY'S DATE: 04 / 05 / 18 4. OCCUPATION: SELF EMPLOYED

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: 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: 12/11/2008 - 3/11/2010 - 3/26/18 8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 0730 AM 1:30 / 8:20 PM

9. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1227 TAMARIND AVE / SUNSET & KINGSLEY / 5850 LEXINGTON AVENUE HOLLYWOOD CA

10. TYPE OF CRIME / INVESTIGATION : MULTIPLE HOMICIDES

11. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: On 12/11/08 suspect shot and killed 41-year-old Khachik Safaryan and 8-year-old Lusine Safaryan inside their apartment. On 3/11/10 the same suspect shot and killed 46-year-old Julie Kates on the corner of Sunset and Kingsley. On 3/26/10 the same suspect shot and killed Karine Hakobyan, the wife of Mr Safaryan, inside her car at 5850 Lexington Avenue.

12. DET MYERS FOR APPLICANT 13. X
APPLICANT SIGNATURE PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Serial # Agency
Phone # (213) 486-6890
Detective III Dan Myers, Serial No. 25735 Los Angeles Police Department, Robbery Homicide Division

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Khachik Safaryan Dr No. 08-0633799, Lusine Safaryan Dr No. 08-0633813, Julie Kates Dr No. 10-0608895, Karine Hakobyan Dr No. 10-0610093

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS: The witness came forward with information that led to the recovery of the murder weapon and the arrest of the suspect. The witness subsequently testified at the Grand Jury and the suspect was indicted on four counts of Murder under Case No. BA 382886. The witness continued to cooperate with the investigation and provided crucial information as to the conduct of the suspect, which led to the suspect's involvement in the Safaryan murders and the murder of Julie Kates. The trial began on March 26, 2018, in Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 109. On April 1, 2018 at 0330 hours, the defendant committed suicide while housed in the Los Angeles County Jail.

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: 09-0010-S9 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 08-0633799

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Murder REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 75,000

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 2010 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: October 16, 2010

INFO. REC'D WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO
(circle one) DATE REC'D: April 19, 2010

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

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD Robbery-Homicide- Homicide Special OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: Dan Myers # 25735 Telephone: (213) 486-6890
George Diaz # 26031 Telephone: (213) 533-4322
(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:

____ Claimant is a City officer, employee, or public officer or
employee whose employment includes duties of law
enforcement.

____ 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.

____ Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public
officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement.

____ Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the
criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer
of reward is made.

____ Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer
or in some other manner for the actions which are the bases
for claiming the reward.

____ Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is
offered.

____ The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the
claimant.

____ Other: _____

____ The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.

Explanation: _____

(If additional space is needed, use back of form.)

APPROVED BY

RANK/TITLE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA



JUNE LAGMAY
City Clerk

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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

April 21, 2010

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council file No.
09-0010-S9, at its meeting held April 13, 2010.


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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 09-0010-S9

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE APRIL 13, 2010

RE: REINSTATING THE REWARD OFFER IN THE DEATHS OF KHACHIK SAFARYAN AND LUSIN SAFARYAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT APR 26 2010
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

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*Transmit objections in writing
pursuant to Charter Section 341

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL


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MOTION

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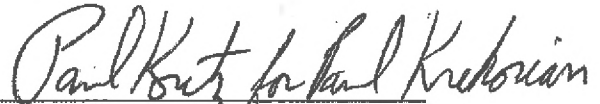
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I MOVE that the City Council reaffirm its findings for the reward offer relative to the deaths of Khachik Safaryan and Lusine Safaryan (Council Action of January 30, 2009, C.F. 09-0010-S9) and that the reward offer be reinstated for an additional period of six months from the publication of the renewed offer of reward by the City Clerk and, further, that the sum of \$75,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

PRESENTED BY



ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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April 6, 2010

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REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 2010 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: November 5, 2010

INFO. REC'D WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO
(circle one) DATE REC'D: April 19, 2010 & May 11

CLAIMANT: CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: Self Employed
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May 12, 2010

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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 10-0010-S20

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MAY 5, 2010

RE: AN OFFER OF REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION, APPREHENSION, AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF KARINE HAKOBYAN ON MARCH 26, 2010

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MAY 17 2010
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

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RE COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED
MOTION

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Wed. 5/5/10 Agenda

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On March 26, 2010 at 8:20 pm, a murder was reported to police in the 5800 block of Lexington Avenue in Hollywood. The victim, Karine Hakobyan, was shot to death inside her vehicle which was parked under the carport behind her apartment building. Ms. Hakobyan's 14 year-old daughter, who was waiting for her mother to come home from work, went to check the carport and discovered her mother in the vehicle. Further, in a separate incident on December 11, 2008, Ms. Hakobyan's husband and 8 year-old daughter were brutally murdered in their home. This unthinkable tragedy has left Ms. Hakobyan's daughter without her mother, father and sister. Detectives believe that people were in the area at the time the crime occurred and may have information that will assist in the investigation. Detectives hope that a monetary reward compels the public to provide more information.

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 the person or persons responsible for the death of Karine Hakobyan.

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 the person or persons responsible for the death of Karine Hakobyan, a resident of the City of Los Angeles, on March 26, 2010, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That the death of Karine Hakobyan was caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.
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 what happened to Karine Hakobyan, is an especially disturbing crime 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 the person or persons responsible for the death of Karine Hakobyan.
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.

PRESENTED BY Eric G. Garcetti
ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

Paul Krekorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

ADOPTED
MAY 05 2010
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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APR 30 2010 SECONDED BY Jim [Signature]
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