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On August 28, 2009, Paulina Ibarra, a transgender woman, was murdered at 939 North Mariposa Avenue in East Hollywood. The ensuing investigation identified a suspect, Mr. Jesus Catalan, and forensic analysis of the crime scene revealed DNA evidence proving he was present at the time. Based upon this determination, other physical evidence and witness statements, an arrest warrant alleging a single count of murder was obtained for Mr. Catalan. Detectives have released information to the public and the case was also profiled on an episode of America's Most Wanted, but no substantive leads have resulted. There are indications that Mr. Catalan is still in the Los Angeles area and 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 Paulina Ibarra.

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 Paulina Ibarra, a resident of the City of Los Angeles, on August 28, 2009, 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 Paulina Ibarra 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 Paulina Ibarra, 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 Paulina Ibarra.
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 GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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