

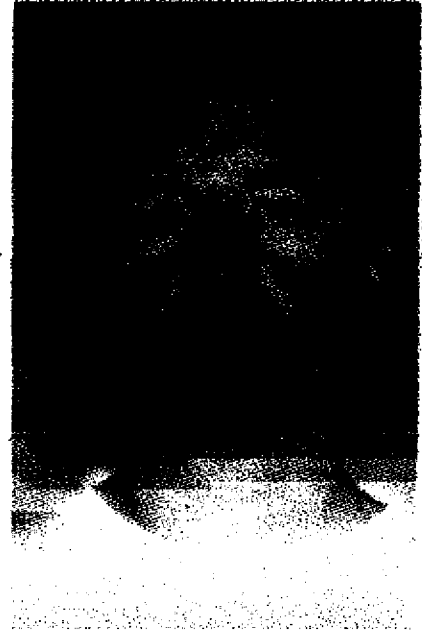
# City Offers \$75,000 Reward for Info on Double Murder in Chatsworth

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By Saul Daniels - Email the author - August 29, 2011

Los Angeles Councilman Mitch Englander announced Friday a \$75,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in connection with the slayings of a man and woman found dead in a trash bin at a Lassen Street home in Chatsworth last week.

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## \$75,000 reward in Chatsworth double murder; Brent Zubek, 43, sought

Daily News Wire Services  
Posted: 08/19/2011 05:21:12 PM PDT  
Updated: 08/19/2011 05:22:03 PM PDT

LOS ANGELES -- Authorities today announced a \$75,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in connection with the slayings of a man and woman found dead in a trash bin at a Chatsworth home last week.

Authorities are searching for Brent D. Zubek, 43, of the San Fernando Valley, who has been identified as a suspect in the killings.

Commissioners,

I followed the direction you ordered during our last meeting December 8th to present my evidence and proof of my essential role, to the LAPD. I sent in my evidence in 2 emails. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1) 1st December 9th to the Devonshire captain (SEE ATTACHMENT 2), who the following week when I wanted to send over my written report, told me it was under review outside Devonshire division, by Detective Natalie Cortez.

Detective Cortez accepted my 2nd email, a written report on Dec 22, and said she would keep me informed on status. In a follow up email dated Jan 21 she indicated the report was not yet finalized.

As you can see the report before you was written by Devonshire detectives, and is dated December 10th, just 2 days after you asked them to review my evidence.

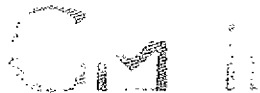
Additionally, the Chief's recommendation is signed January 19th (SEE ATTACHMENT 3), three days prior to the report that was not yet finalized.

It is obvious I have been rebuffed and slighted, the proof you asked me to give them disregarded and left out of the factual account.

I am not here to quibble over opinions, I have hard evidence. So please understand it's not my "opinion" vs. these detectives view of events. My evidence is solid. I have proof of what did happen, some of which I presented to each of you today.

Honestly, I am insulted that my answer to a request for help by the city has been misrepresented, distorted, and minimized to "non-essential"!

I do not mean this as a threat, but I view this as my only recourse, if we don't reach fair and equitable conclusion today I will have no alternative but to refer this matter to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury in the form of a citizen complaint.



Harlan Hobbs <photohobbs@gmail.com>

**Re: Harlan Hobbs (Reward Claimant)**

**NATALIE CORTEZ** <30640@lapd.lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 1:13 PM

To: Harlan Hobbs <photohobbs@gmail.com>

Cc: "Doug.Tripp@lacity.org" <Doug.Tripp@lacity.org>, DAVID CREW <25539@lapd.lacity.org>, KIRK ALBANESE <kirk.albanese@lapd.lacity.org>, WILLIAM HAYES <william.hayes@lapd.lacity.org>

Mr. Hobbs

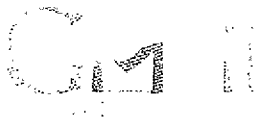
Thank you for the email....We are looking into the matter and will report to the Police Commission upon conclusion, as directed. I will reach out to let you know when the report has been sent forward...however, I cannot provide you the results of the inquiry.

Thank you,

Natalie Cortez

Lieutenant Natalie Cortez  
OIC, Investigative Analysis Section  
Detective Bureau  
Tel: 486-7114  
30640@lapd.lacity.org

>>> Harlan Hobbs <photohobbs@gmail.com> 1/4/2016 11:37 AM >>>  
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Harlan Hobbs <photohobbs@gmail.com>

## Bullet Point Summary of Harlan Hobbs Involvement

Harlan Hobbs <photohobbs@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 22, 2015 at 9:18 AM

To: 30640@lapd.lacity.org

Cc: "Doug.Tripp@lacity.org" <Doug.Tripp@lacity.org>

Reviewing Detective,

Thank you for taking a moment to allow me to present this easy to read summary that will hopefully compel you grant me the full reward.

Sincerely,

Harlan Hobbs

 **HobbsReward.pdf**  
276K



Harlan Hobbs &lt;photohobbs@gmail.com&gt;

## Documented involvement in Brent Zubek capture.

Harlan Hobbs &lt;photohobbs@gmail.com&gt;

Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 4:20 PM

To: robert.marino@lapd.lacity.org

Cc: RICHARD MOAKLEY &lt;34292@lapd.lacity.org&gt;

Captain ,

I promised you that I could supply you with more information and video to support my claim to the reward. As the detective told me today that decisions were made based on myself not knowing what else was happening in the case. That there were other factors that somehow diminished my role, risk, property and plan that ultimately resulted in his arrest.

I will start you off with these emails and a very simple point:

Captain, If your detectives ether on their own accord or with the assistance of others they may have been working with, were comfortable enough in their ability to protect the public to the point that they would later look back and consider my role in his capture as insignificant as they have, The please explain something to me....

*Why did your detectives contact me, explain they lost track of their best bail for Brent, Sat in multiple surveillance vehicles for hours watching my house waiting for Amy, then returned to my house and requested I come up with a plan to get her back again because they had "lost her", in spite of me calling and informing them where she was going. Then I formulated a plan and proposed it to my liaison at the time, accepted my proposal to GPS my Jeep and allow it to be portrayed as a means for escape and risk free travel to bring him out of hiding.?*

I just spoke with Commander Kris Pitcher and I explained the situation I was in. He informed me to have you speak with the only constant in this investigation that is still in your building. Lieutenant Detective Tim Torsney.

Here is a link to the video and I look forward to your call so I can discuss it with you, answer any questions, and present you with my telephone and text documentation. .

<https://youtu.be/-S7Az0J8w0I>

Sincerely,

-Harlan Hobbs

----- Forwarded message -----

From: HARVEY MARTIN &lt;26580@lapd.lacity.org&gt;

Date: Wed, May 15, 2013 at 12:24 PM

Subject: Re: Documented involvement in Brent Zubek capture.

To: Harlan Hobbs &lt;photohobbs@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: TIMOTHY TORSNEY &lt;25383@lapd.lacity.org&gt;, HYUN-JIN KIM &lt;g9273@lapd.lacity.org&gt;, KRIS E PITCHER &lt;pitcherk@lapd.lacity.org&gt;

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE



January 19, 2016  
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**TO:** Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY  
COUNCIL FILE NO. 11-0010-S40

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. That the Board of Police Commission REVIEW and APPROVE the request for payment of reward offer on City Council File No. 11-0010-S40.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council the appreciation for special reward payment for review and approval.

**DISCUSSION**

As requested by the Honorable members of the Board of Police Commissioners, I have conducted a review of Mr. Harlan Hobbs' claim for payment of the reward related to the August 8, 2011, murders of John Lee and Oletta Williams.

Mr. Hobbs has asserted that he is entitled to the entire \$75,000 reward based on his actions in this case. However, my review of the investigation does not support that assertion, and I believe that the Devonshire Detectives' recommendation for the disbursement of \$17,500 to Mr. Hobbs is appropriate.

The basis for the reward was information leading to "the arrest and conviction" of the individual responsible for the murders of John Lee and Oletta Williams. From the review of this case, it is clear that Mr. Hobbs' actions aided in the apprehension of Brent Zubek, but that is the extent of his contribution to the case. The key witness, who was pivotal to the arrest and conviction of Brent Zubek, was not Mr. Hobbs. That individual provided direct testimony that held Brent Zubek accountable for his crimes.

Savings Bonds

I would respectfully recommend that the Board endorse the reward disbursement presented to you by Devonshire Detectives.

Should you require any additional information in this matter, please contact William P. Hayes, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,

CHARLIE BECK  
Chief of Police

Attachments

TRACKING DEVICE  
INSTALLATION

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The tracking device gets installed...

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08/21/2011 01:22:28

JEEP EXCHANGE  
JUSTINS CAR

FINALLY AT 6AM SHE TAKES IT!

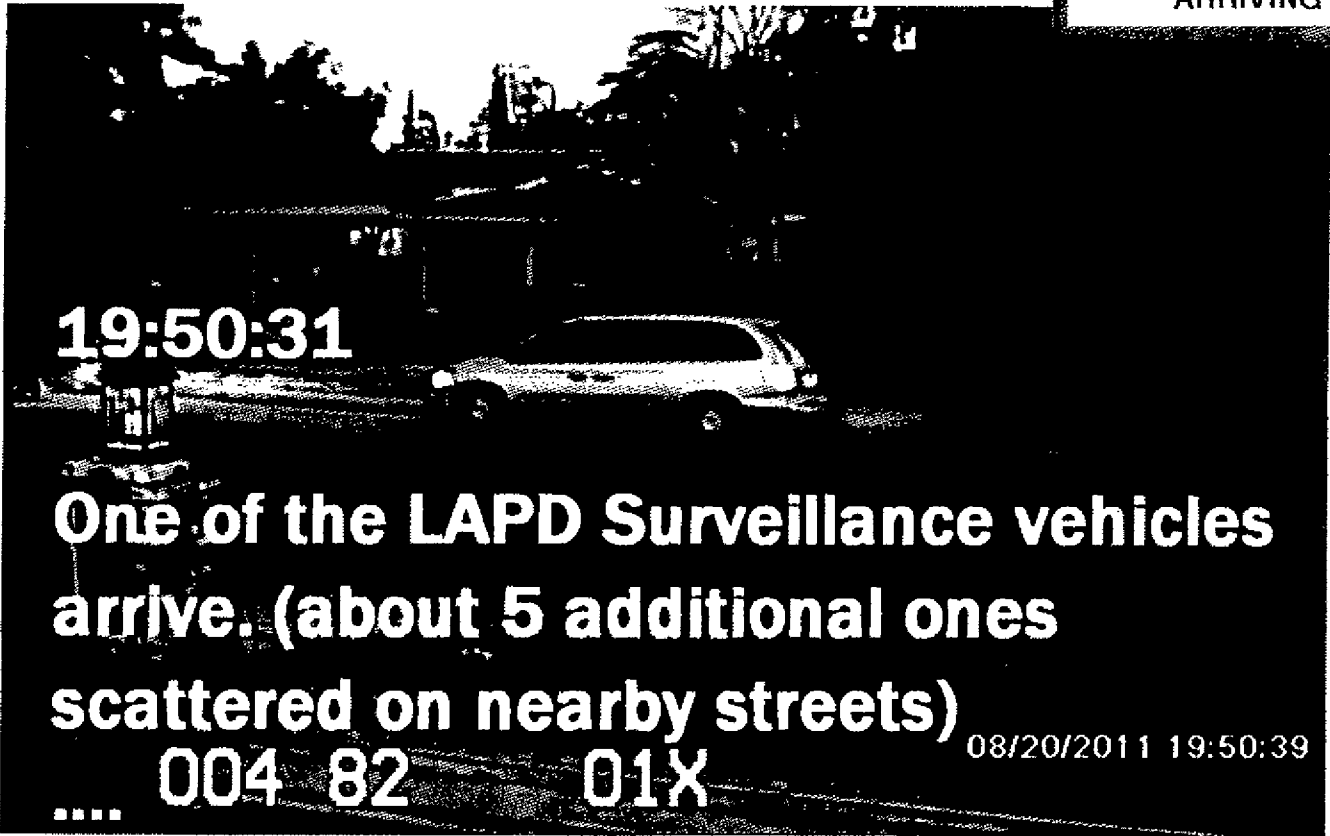


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08/21/2011 06:00:05



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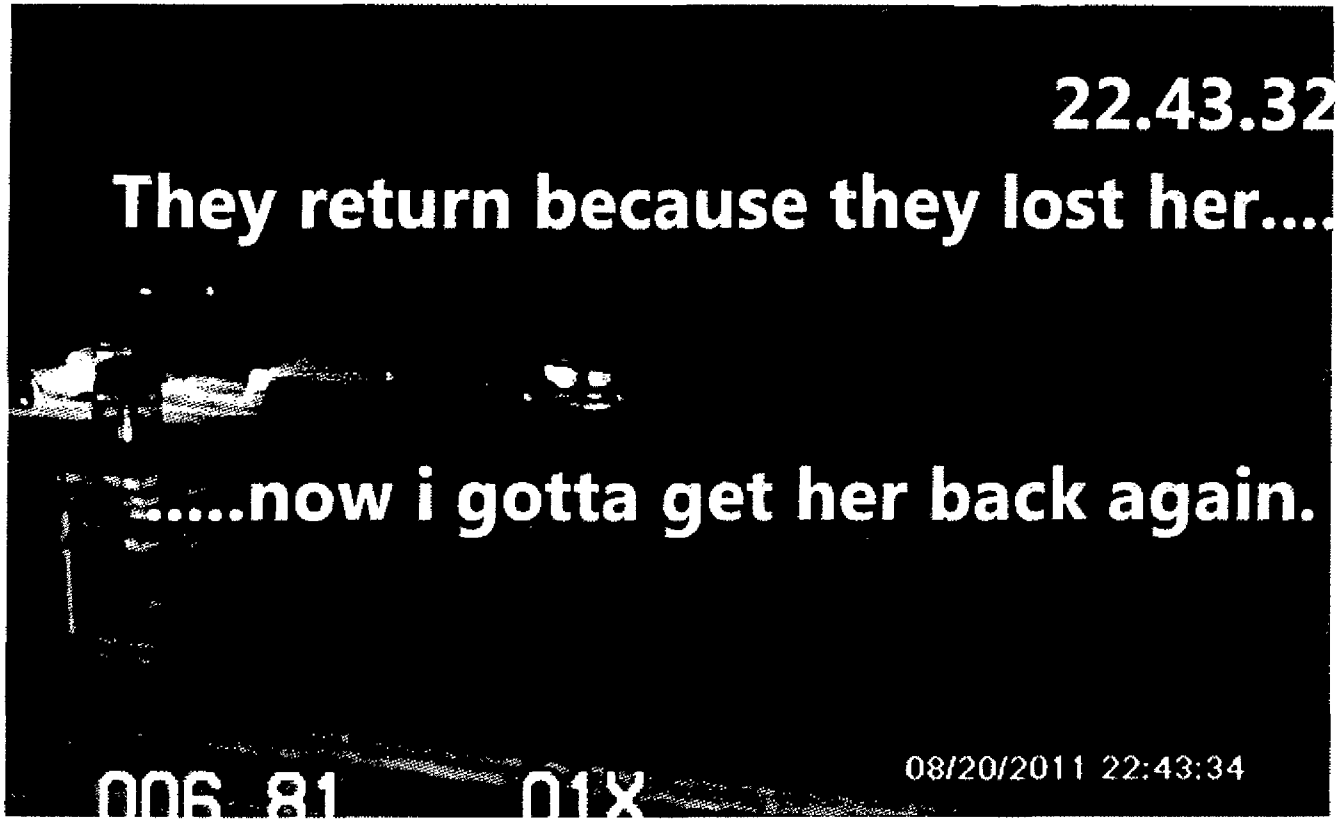
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**One of the LAPD Surveillance vehicles  
arrive. (about 5 additional ones  
scattered on nearby streets)**

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08/20/2011 19:50:39





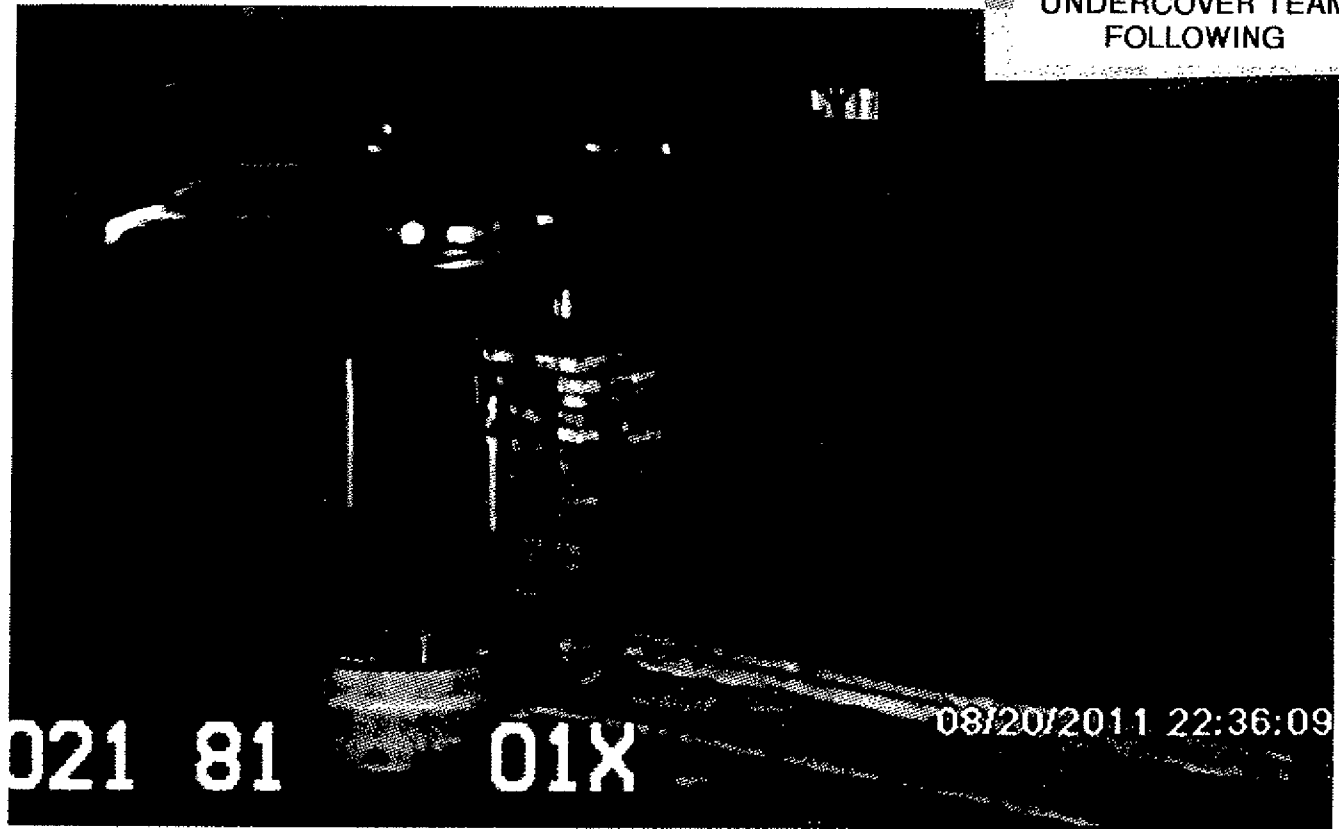
UNDERCOVER TEAM  
RETURNING

8/20/2011 17:11:20

Detective Drives by to see which  
house he will be watching from  
afar.



UNDERCOVER TEAM  
FOLLOWING



**TESTIMONY OF HARLAN HOBBS IN STATE OF CA VS. BRENT ZUBEK FOR  
THE DOUBLE HOMICIDE OF A COUPLE ON JULY 2,2011.**

Transcribed by Jessica Klein.

- . **ZUBEK:** SIR DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYTHING IN THAT PICTURE?
- . **HOBBS:** I SURE DO.
- . **ZUBEK:** AND WHAT IS THAT?
- . **HOBBS:** UM, MY JEEP.
- . **ZUBEK:** NOW UM, DO YOU KNOW WHY THAT JEEPS IN THAT LOCATION WHERE IT IS AT?
- . **D.A:** OBJECTION FOUNDATION
- . **JUDGE:** SUSTAINED
- . **ZUBEK:** UH \*CROSS TALK\*
- . **JUDGE:** EXCUSE ME IM CURIOUS DID YOU DRIVE YOUR JEEP THERE?
- . **HOBBS:** NO I DID NOT.
- . **JUDGE:** NEXT QUESTION.
- . **ZUBEK:** UM DO YOU KNOW WHO DROVE THAT JEEP THERE?
- . **D.A:** OBJECTION FOUNDATION IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO
- . **ZUBEK:** OKAY WAS THERE AN OCCASION IN 2011 THAT YOU LOANED YOUR JEEP TO AMY HARDER?
- . **HOBBS:** YES THERE WAS.
- . **ZUBEK:** AND UM WERE YOU IN THE REGULAR HABIT OF LOANING HER THAT JEEP?
- . **HOBBS:** NO I WASN'T.
- . **ZUBEK:** AND WHY DID YOU LOAN HER THAT JEEP?
- . **HOBBS:** TO HELP YOU BE, GET, APPREHENDED.
- . **ZUBEK:** UH AND DID YOU DO ANYTHING TO THAT JEEP, TO UH, ALSO FURTHER HELPING GET ME APPREHENDED?
- . **HOBBS:** MYSELF PERSONALLY, NO.
- . **ZUBEK:** UH DID SOMEBODY HELP YOU WITH IT?
- . **D.A:** OBJECTION OH I WITHDRAW
- . **HOBBS:** THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- . **ZUBEK:** SO WHAT, WHAT DID THEY DO?
- . **D.A:** OBJECTION FOUNDATION
- . **JUDGE:** WERE YOU PRESENT WHEN THEY DID ANYTHING TO YOU VEHICLE?
- . **HOBBS:** I WITNESSED WHAT TOOK PLACE ON MY SECURITY CAMERA AS IT OCCURED.
- . **JUDGE:** AND WHAT DID YOU WITNESS THEM ACTUALLY DOING?
- . **HOBBS:** PLACING A TRACKING DEVICE ON MY VEHICLE.
- . **ZUBEK:** AND UHM SO PLACING THAT SO AM I CORRECT TO SAY THAT PLACING THAT TRACKING DEVICE ON YOUR VEHICLE AND WAS IT LOANED TO

AMY HARDER IN HOPES THAT SHE WOULD, IM GOING TO REPHRASE THAT IM SORRY, DID AMY HARDER KNOW, I MEAN DID YOU MAKE IT KNOWN

TO AMY HARDER THAT THERE WAS A TRACKING DEVICE ON THE VEHICLE?

**HOBBS:** NOT AT ALL

**ZUBEK:** DID YOU TELL HER WHY YOU WERE LETTING HER LOAN, BORROW THE JEEP?

**HOBBS:** I GAVE HER REASON WHY I WAS LETTING HER BORROW THE JEEP YES.

**ZUBEK:** AND WHAT WAS THAT REASON?

**HOBBS:** TO ASSIST YOU. TO MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE SO THAT YOU WOULD TAKE THE JEEP.

**ZUBEK:** AND WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR GIVING HER THIS REASON?

**HOBBS:** BECAUSE SHE WAS IN CONTACT WITH YOU.

**ZUBEK:** DID, DID SHE AKNOWLEDGE IN ANY WAY THAT SHE KNEW THAT YOU WERE UH, ASSISTING THE POLICE?

**HOBBS:** NOT AT ALL, SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

**ZUBEK:** DID YOU FILE FOR A REWARD IN THIS CASE?

**HOBBS:** YES I DID.

**ZUBEK:** IS IT TRUE YOU WERE SAYING THAT YOU WERE HOPING THAT I GET CONVICTED SO THAT YOU CAN COLLECT THE MONEY?

**HOBBS:** IM HOPING YOUR CONVICTED FOR JUSTICE.

**ZUBEK:** AND HOW MUCH IS THE REWARD THAT YOU FILED FOR?

**HOBBS:** \$75,000

**ZUBEK:** THANK YOU NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

**JUDGE:** DO YOU HAVE CROSS EXAMINATION TO INCLUDE?

**D.A:** YES MAY I HAVE ONE MOMENT PLEASE?

**D.A:** SIR YOU JUST SAID I HOPE THAT YOU ARE CONVICTED FOR JUSTICE?

**HOBBS:** YES I DID

**D.A:** WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

**HOBBS:** I BELIEVE HES GUILTY AND SO...

**D.A:** AND...

**ZUBEK:** OBJECTION RELEVENCE.

**JUDGE:** THIS IS HIS OPINION, HIS OPINION IS RELEVENT TO HIS STATE OF MIND REGARDING WHY HE WAS HOPING YOU WERE ARRESTED AND

CONVICTED AND YOU ASKED THOSE QUESTIONS. SO OVERRULED.

PROOF OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED USED IN CONVICTION- Correspondence between multiple detectives regarding savings bonds that were allegedly motive for murders provided to police by Harlan Hobbs.

Transcribed by Jessica Klein.

"HARLAN HOW ARE YOU THIS IS BOB SHAW YOU AND I TALKED UM A COUPLE TIMES 2 WEEKS AGO OR SO MAYBE 3 REGARDING THIS UH BRENT ZUBEK UH ISSUE AND I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW UM FIRST OF ALL THANKS VERY MUCH FOR CALLING FOR REACHING OUT AND CALLING ME THAT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED I DID UH FOLLOW UP WITH THAT UH DETECTIVE DETECTIVE JANUARY AND DEVONSHIRE POLICE AND WHAT SHE ASKED ME TO DO WAS JUST UM HOLD OFF BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO UH CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY ABOUT THOSE SAVINGS BOND BECAUSE THEY ARE I GUESS EVIDENCE AND THE IN A ONGOING CASE AND INVESTIGATION SO SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO CONTACT YOU TO UH TO ARRANGE TO PICK UP THE SO I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP UH I APPRECIATE AGAIN YOU CALLING OUT AND REACHING TO ME AND I JUST WANTED TO JUST TOUCH BASE ON UH MY UH CONTACT WITH THE DEVONSHIRE GUYS OKAY THANKS MUCH BYE BYE " - BOB SHAW  
11/16/2011 Voicemail

"HELLO IM CALLING FOR HARLAN HOBBS MY NAMES DETECTIVE JANUARY FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IF YOU COULD PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL BACK AT 818-832-0538 AGAIN 818-832-0538 I'D APPRECIATE IT IM CALLING IN REGARDS TO A CONTACT THAT YOU HAD WITH A GENTLEMAN IN REGARDS TO SOME SAVINGS BONDS AGAIN MY NUMBER IS 818-832-0538 I WILL BE STEPPING OUT OF THE OFFICE SHORTLY BUT I'LL BE BACK IN THE OFFICE TOMORROW AND SO PLEASE UH DO LEAVE ME A MESSAGE IF IM NOT AROUND AGAIN 818-832-0538 THANK YOU"- DETECTIVE JANUARY 11/10/2011 Voicemail

"HELLO THIS MESSAGE IS FOR HARLAN HOBBS THIS IS DETECTIVE JANUARY FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT UH I APPRECIATE YOU GIVING ME A CALL I GOT YOUR MESSAGE UM IF YOU COULD PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL BACK UH 818-832-0538 IM HOPING TO



POSSIBLY COME BY FRIDAY IF YOUR AVAILABLE TO PICK UP THOSE UH  
THOSE SAVINGS BONDS OKAY 818-832-0538"- Detective January 1/11/2012  
Voicemail

**DET. BERT TEXT  
MESSAGES**

Actions



Me : bert dev detective

8/22/11 7:57 AM

Me: bert i am VERY familiar with the technology your have access to so have someone Ping:GPS Justins phone she called me from 40 min ago 818-205-6955

bert dev detective: Did she reply to your text

Me: no...

bert dev detective: Any luck

Me: None .... I hate tweakers and there messed up sense of time..

Me: Lol ..... that van needs new shocks

Me: Here is another thing that makes this job tougher.. she and brent know to be cautious of DEC tagged vehicles . and trust me they have both got to be in super paranoid mode.

Me: apologize was not trying to tell you how to do your job .. they are not your guys ...sorry. she called last from 818-880-7786 at 10:01

Me: she was headed to the 76 gas station by jack in the box on nordhoff to meet her friend Humberto that she left there she is supposed to meet up with a filipino friend in a red bmw to go to north hollywood and score some dope.

bert dev detective: What does Justin looks like

Me: I really hope this will end up meeting the criteria for "information leading to suspect" So far i am in to this about \$4200..... i hope all goes well... good luck and keep me informed!!

bert dev detective: Good morning anything new

Me: i assume you are aware I gave my Jeep 2 amy 4 brent.. however she is slowly screwing that plan up by being moody with brent when he called her.... but he is supposed to call me

bert dev detective: Verify Brent is suppose to call you

Me: yes he has told amy that was his intention

bert dev detective: When did he tell Amy

Me: 15-20 min ago ..... but no call time

Me: Bert, Congrats and I am very happy that we were able to work together. Being able to use my association to the suspect. and the Jeep i offered him to use. coupled with our constant communication and your tracking technology Zubek is off the streets. Any word on getting my Jeep returned to me without having to buy it out of impound??

bert dev detective: Give us a few days and u should have it back

Me: Who do I contact about some kind of acknowledgement about my assistance in the capture of Zubek so upon closure I could pursue the offered reward?

bert dev detective: I will check on it.