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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Harlan Hobbs and I fulfilled all the requirements that are necessary to collect the full \$75,000 reward offered by Councilmember Englander on August 19, 2011.

The Police Commission has sent forth their recommendation to you of \$37,500 as payment for my involvement in the case. Without having some of the most important facts supporting my claim on the entire reward, the Commission recognized my role in the case was substantially more important than was being presented. Thus they increased the amount from the \$17,500 the L.A.P.D. had requested.

Today I ask you to please consider information from an additional report the **Commission did not have an opportunity to examine or take into consideration:**

- On August 14th 2011, Hobbs contacted devonshire detectives and supplied them with information that led to Zubek. Undercover officers unfortunately lost him. **On August 20th, homicide detectives reached out to Hobbs and asked for his assistance.**
- Hobbs used his Jeep as a lure to bring Zubek out of hiding. A few hours later Zubek was in custody. **Bringing an end to 10 day manhunt.**
- Hobbs provided evidence in the form of Savings Bonds. During prosecution, the bonds were used by Deputy District Attorney Blake against Zubek, and were directly related to the motive for the murders.
- Hobbs testified at trial. "Hobbs was called as a defense witness. However, his testimony favored the prosecution."
- **Hobbs is the only person known to have laid claim to this reward.** The Commission derived the \$37,500 payment by including a non-existing claimant. Saying "if" Ms. Harder had also applied "I" would split the reward 50/50. Our research has shown that previous reward payments paid by the city, that were not for the entire amount, have been in cases where there were multiple people claiming the reward.
- Hobbs has fulfilled both of the obligations, "information leading to the arrest" & contributing evidence used by prosecution, "and conviction".

Brent Zubek was found guilty by jury of his peers on all charges and was sentenced in March of 2015.

I have made a choice to forego anonymity to protect my interests that were being denied. I ask you to please make the right choice, and show the people of this city that you will honor a reward when a citizen steps forward. Please pay the \$75,000 reward as it was offered.

I plan on attending the city council meeting this will be heard at along with the victims family who support my claim.

Thank You,

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