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CORRECTED LETTER

August 26, 2013

BPC #13-0273

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL FILE NO.
11-0010-S39

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, August 6, 2013, the Board RECEIVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

The Board requests, subject to your approval, that this matter be forwarded to City Council for their approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police
ASB

BPC #13-0273

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

July 23, 2013
4.3

RECEIVED

JUL 29 2013

POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

REVIEWED

FROM: Chief of Police

Edw R. Tefank
RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
7-30-13
DATE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL
FILE NO. 11-0010-S39

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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 July 22, 2011, at approximately 11:45 a.m., Carlos Martinez was seated in his vehicle in the area of 52nd and Main Streets. He was approached by an African-American male who fired several rounds into the vehicle, killing him. Mr. Martinez worked for several law firms, assisting people with Workers' Compensation claims and various civil matters. Mr. Martinez did not have any gang or criminal affiliation. It appeared that Mr. Martinez was in the area working at the time of the shooting. The motive behind the shooting was believed to be either a road rage incident or an attempted robbery. The suspect was not arrested and remained unidentified. The reward of \$50,000.00 was offered on a motion passed by the City Council on August 17, 2011, and subsequently approved by the Mayor on August 23, 2011.

Detectives David L. Torres, Serial No. 31614, and Jose L. Calzadillas, Serial No. 33974, Newton Area Homicide, conducted an extensive investigation. During the investigation, it was discovered that Mr. Martinez had written down a license plate number on his note pad, which was found in his vehicle and covered with his blood. It was determined that the license plate number matched the plate of a vehicle which was taken in an armed carjacking in the 77th Street Area approximately 13-hours prior to Mr. Martinez being murdered. The victim/witness of the carjacking was shot and hospitalized, and was unable to provide any suspect information to 77th Street Area detectives at that time.

Upon his/her release from the hospital, the carjacking victim/witness came forward and provided crucial information that led to the identity of Antwon Brown as the person who had carjacked and shot him/her.

The information provided was critical to the investigation and eventually led to a positive identification of Antwon Brown as the person responsible for the murder of Mr. Martinez. The carjack victim/witness testified in both the preliminary hearing and the subsequent jury trial heard in Superior Court, Department 114, Case No. BA389319. The information provided by the carjack victim/witness and his/her testimony given in court was critical to the investigation and eventual conviction of Antwon Brown. Even though there was an eyewitness to the murder of Mr. Martinez, no suspect would have been identified had it not been for the information he/she provided. The victim/witness identification of the suspect in open court, during the court proceedings, led to the conviction for attempt murder and murder on April 19, 2013.

It is the opinion of the investigating officers and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to the case that the suspect's conviction would not have been possible if it were not for the assistance of the victim/witness.

A review of the eligibility requirements for rewards, as outlined in the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 19.127, was conducted and found that the victim/witness is eligible to receive the reward offered. It was also determined that the victim/witness was the only person who filed an Application for Special Reward Payment. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds be paid to the victim/witness listed in the attached Application for Special Reward Payment.

If you have questions, please contact Captain Edward J. Prokop, Commanding Officer, Newton Area, at (323) 846-6524.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Approved *August 6, 2013*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG - LAPD
DUPE - City Clerk
DUPE - Claimant

Neither the filing nor 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, ANONYMOUS First, Middle

2. ADDRESS: (Street) (City) (State - Zip)
Daytime Phone & Contact Person

3. TODAY'S DATE: / / 4. OCCUPATION:

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: CONFIDENTIAL 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: 07 / 22 / 11 8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 11:45 AM PM
 NOON MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 52ND ST AND MAIN ST

TYPE OF CRIME / INVESTIGATION: MURDER

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: SUSPECT SHOT THE VICTIM AS HE WAS SEATED INSIDE HIS VEHICLE.

12. APPLICANT SIGNATURE 13. PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name CARZADILLAS Serial # 33974 Agency LAPD - NEWTON
Phone # TORRES 31614
323-846-6556

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: CARLOS JUAN MARTINEZ

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS: _____

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: 11-0010-839 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 11-1317257

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: MURDER REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.⁰⁰

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 08-23-2011 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 08-15-2015

INFO. REC'D WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE REC'D: 09-20-11
(circle one)

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

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD NEWTON/HOMICIDE OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: CALZADILLAS, J Telephone: (323) 846-6556
IOBES, D Telephone: (323) 846-6556
(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

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant is a City officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose employment includes duties of law enforcement. | <input type="checkbox"/> 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement. | <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward. | <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect. | |

Explanation: _____

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

APPROVED BY [Signature] #23168 RANK/TITLE DET III HOMICIDE CALZADILLA
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Office of the City Clerk, City of Los Angeles

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Council File Number

11-0010-S39

Title

Carlos Martinez

Last Change Date

05/28/2013

Expiration Date

05/15/2015

Council District

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Mover

JAN PERRY

Second

ED REYES

Mover/Second Comment

Motion (Perry - Parks) 05/08/2013

Reward Amount

\$50,000.00

Reward Duration

180 days

Reward Post Date

06/01/2013

Reward Expire Date

12/01/2013

Action History for Council File 11-0010-S39

Date

Activity

- 05/28/2013 Council Action.
- 05/24/2013 Mayor transmitted Council File to City Clerk .
- 05/22/2013 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is June 3, 2013.
- 05/15/2013 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.
- 05/10/2013 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on May 15, 2013 .
- 05/08/2013 Motion referred to Council (Tentative Scheduled For May 15, 2013).
- 10/09/2012 Council Action.
- 10/02/2012 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is October 12, 2012.
- 09/28/2012 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.
- 09/24/2012 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on September 28, 2012 .
- 09/19/2012 Motion referred to Council .
- 03/23/2012 Council Action.
- 03/22/2012 Mayor transmitted Council File to City Clerk .
- 03/21/2012 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is April 2, 2012.
- 03/20/2012 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.
- 03/16/2012 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on March 20, 2012 .
- 03/06/2012 Motion referred to Council .
- 08/23/2011 Council Action.
- 08/23/2011 Mayor transmitted Council File to City Clerk .
- 08/19/2011 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is August 29, 2011.
- 08/17/2011 Council adopted item forthwith.
- 08/12/2011 City Clerk scheduled item for Council on August 17, 2011 .

08/10/2011 Motion referred to Council .