

On the evening of April 27, 2018, 15-year-old Hannah Bell went with her mother to eat dinner at Best Burger, a stand at 78<sup>th</sup> Street and Western Avenue. While standing at the check-out counter, an unknown suspect approached and fired multiple shots that struck Ms. Bell. Fire Department paramedics transported Hannah Bell to UCLA-Harbor Medical Center, but she failed to respond to treatment and was pronounced dead at 10:00 p.m. Detectives are continuing to investigate this matter, but have not been able to identify the suspect responsible for this crime at this time. They believe a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person responsible for this crime.

The person responsible for this crime represents 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 responsible for the death of Hannah Bell.

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 responsible for the death of Hannah Bell on April 27, 2018, 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 Hannah Bell 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 who, because of not being apprehended, could by his or her actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.
3. That what happened to the victim 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 responsible for the death of Hannah Bell.
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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to publish the reward notice in the "Our Weekly," "Los Angeles Sentinel" and "LA Watts Times," in addition to the regular publications used by the City Clerk for reward notices, to ensure adequate community notice.

PRESENTED BY:   
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