

On February 15, 2019, at approximately 10:00 p.m., 28-year-old Donte Jones and a companion were seated in his vehicle in the 4100 block of South Wall Street in Historic South Central, when an unknown person or persons approached in another vehicle and began shooting at Mr. Jones' vehicle before fleeing the scene. Mr. Jones was struck by gunfire, and transported to the hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, Mr. Jones did not respond to treatment, and was pronounced dead later that evening. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, but have been unable to identify a suspect or suspects. Detectives believe a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

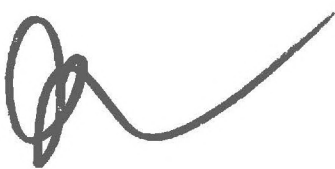
The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore, it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the persons responsible for the death of Donte Jones.

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 shooting death of Donte Jones on February 15, 2019, 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 Mr. Jones 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 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 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 or persons responsible for the shooting death of Donte Jones.
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: 
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District



SECONDED BY: 

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