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POLICE COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER FOR DR No. 18-06-23503
(CLAIMANTS A & B)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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

It is requested that a \$25,000 reward be awarded to Claimants A & B for a Felony Hit and Run case (DR No. 18-06-23503). With their assistance, Elvis Guevara was positively identified as the felony hit and run driver and convicted. Attached are the applications for the reward.

On November 6, 2018, at approximately 2325 hours, a male victim, age 34, left the Avalon venue after an event. He was walking eastbound in a marked crosswalk, crossing Vine Street, north of Hollywood Boulevard, when a vehicle traveling southbound Vine Street struck him. As a result of the collision, the victim sustained major head trauma, brain bleed, a broken left leg, and a fractured left shoulder. The driver of the hit and run vehicle fled the scene in a silver gray 4-door Acura, failed to identify himself, or render aid to the victim.

On November 7, 2018, Detective Connie White, Serial No. 30194, West Traffic Division (WTD), was assigned to investigate the felony hit and run traffic collision (DR No. 18-06-23503).

On November 8, 2018, Claimant A provided a statement that she was standing in front of the Avalon when she heard a loud car screeching sound coming from the parking lot. She turned in the direction of the noise and observed a gray Acura exiting the parking lot. A white SUV stopped as the victim was crossing the street in the crosswalk. The suspect vehicle was speeding past the stopped white SUV and struck the victim in the crosswalk. She described the suspect driver as a dark skinned, Hispanic male.

On December 5, 2018, a press conference was held at WTD station, announcing the crime alert information of the suspect vehicle, person of interest, and the reward.

On December 17, 2018, Detective White received information from an Avalon employee, Claimant B, who saw the LAPD bulletin online with the suspect's picture. The claimant provided the possible name of the suspect, Elvis Guevara. Utilizing Department resources, it was discovered that the suspect was arrested for a domestic violence incident 30 minutes following the traffic collision.

On December 18, 2018, a follow-up was conducted at the suspect's address. The vehicle was located and impounded for inspection.

On December 28, 2018, Detective White contacted Claimant A to follow-up on her initial statements given to the collision investigators at scene.

On December 31, 2018, Claimant A advised Detective White that she would be able to identify the driver of the vehicle. Detective White responded to Claimant A's home and conducted a photo line-up. Claimant A positively identified Suspect Elvis Guevara in the line-up and advised she saw Guevara driving the silver car just before it collided with the pedestrian in the crosswalk. It was also revealed to Detective White that Claimant A has known Guevara since 2013. She stated that he has been "too aggressive" with her in the past and that she blocked him on Facebook. Upon subsequent follow-ups to various witnesses, all their accounts positively identified the suspect as Elvis Guevara and the case was presented to the District Attorney's Office for review.

On January 21, 2019, Los Angeles District Attorney Turkat filed one (1) count of 20001(a) CVC – Felony Hit and Run and two (2) counts of 69 PC – Resisting Arrest. A warrant was issued on January 25, 2019.

On May 5, 2019, a patrol radio call was generated where Suspect Guevara was arrested for 273.5(A) PC – Felony Domestic Violence. He was also held for the warrant related to this hit and run traffic collision.

On September 12, 2019, Claimant A was called to be a witness at the preliminary hearing. Despite being in fear of Defendant Guevara, Claimant A testified in court and positively identified him as the hit and run driver of the vehicle. Her testimony greatly contributed to the successful prosecution of Guevara.

On March 10, 2020, Elvis Guevara pled no contest to felony hit and run, and was sentenced to three (3) years in state prison.

It is the opinion of the investigating officer that both Claimants A & B qualify for a portion of the \$25,000 reward offer. The information provided by both of them led to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the defendant, Elvis Guevara. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds in the amount of \$17,000 be paid to Claimant A, and the amount of \$8,000 be paid to Claimant B, listed on both attached "Application for Special Reward Payment."

Should you have any questions, please contact Detective Connie White, Detective Section, WTD, at (213) 473-0225.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachments

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved January 13, 2021
Secretary Maria Silva

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION

ORIG -- LAPD Mail to: Traffic Coordination Section, 100 W. First St, Room #469, Los Angeles, CA 90012
DUPE -- City Clerk
DUPE -- Chairman

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, First, Middle
2. ADDRESS: (Street) (State - 2nt)
Daytime Phone & Contact Person
3. TODAY'S DATE: 11/20/2020
4. OCCUPATION:
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #
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: 11/06/18
8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 23:25 AM ☒ PM
NOON MIDNIGHT
- LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Vine St Hollywood Blvd
- TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit and run
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

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

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name C. WHITE Serial # 30194 Agency LAPD/PTD
Phone # (213) 473-0234

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: CORENTIN VILLENEUR

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS

IDENTIFIED SUSPECT/DEFT VIA PHOTO LINE-UP. EVEN THOUGH SHE FEARED THE DEFENDANT, SHE TESTIFIED AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING AND IDENTIFIED THE DEFENDANT AS THE HIT AND RUN VEHICLE DRIVER.

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: _____ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: DR# 18-06-23503
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit & Run - Felony REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 17,000
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: DEC. 5, 2018 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: _____
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: ☒ YES ☐ NO DATE RECEIVED: NOV. 8, 2018
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: Claimant A CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.)
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD West Traffic Division Detectives OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Det. Connie White #30194 Telephone: (213) 473-0234
(Name and Serial No.) Telephone: () _____

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 19.128 through 19.129.4.

Reason(s) for claimant being NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment

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| <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 next page.)

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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2. ADDRESS: (Street)	(City)		(State - Zip)
Daytime Phone & Contact Person _____			
3. TODAY'S DATE:	4. OCCUPATION:		
11/25/19			
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #:	6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: (For payment purposes)		

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES (Fill in or mark all that apply)

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7. DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/6/18	8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 11:25	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
		<input type="checkbox"/> NOON	<input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Vine Street in Hollywood

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Felony Hit and Run

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: I was working at _____ on 11/6/18, the night this
hit and run occurred. I did not see the accident but was able to recognize Elvi's
car as being in the vehicle that night as I saw him there and remembered/recognized
him as I had met him 13 years earlier.

12. X	SIGNATURE _____	PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years) _____
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INVESTIGATING OFFICER:	Name _____	Serial # _____	Agency _____
C. WHITE	Phone # (213) 473-0234	30194	LAPD / WTD

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:

CORENTIN VILLEMEUR

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BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

AFTER SEEING THE LAPD CRIME BULLETIN, CALLED WEST TRAFFIC DIVISION
AND PROVIDED THE SUSPECT'S NAME. WAS COOPERATIVE BUT WAS NOT NEEDED
FOR THE PRELIMINARY COURT HEARING.

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REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: DEC. 5, 2018 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: _____
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: ☒ YES ☐ NO DATE RECEIVED: DEC. 17, 2018
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: Claimant B CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
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