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POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER (DR NO. 17-09-16659)

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 \$50,000 reward be awarded to the claimant in a fatal Hit and Run traffic collision (DR No. 17-09-16659). The claimant's cooperation and assistance was instrumental in the timely arrest and resolution in this fatal traffic collision investigation. The claimant's assistance resulted in the immediate collection of biological evidence that could have compromised the investigation if delayed. The application for the reward is attached.

On September 6, 2017, a fatal traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Stagg Street. The investigation revealed the bicyclist was killed when two vehicles struck him. Both vehicles failed to stop and render aid. The first vehicle, driven by Erik Limon, struck the bicycle and left the bicyclist incapacitated in the roadway. A passerby came upon the bicyclist in the roadway and pulled over to assist and call 911. As he did so, a second vehicle struck the bicyclist as the bicyclist lay in the roadway. The second vehicle pulled over briefly, then drove away without rendering aid. Witnesses captured the second vehicle's license plate number (6NPN411) and provided it to the investigator.

Detectives conducted a follow-up to the registered owner's (claimant) residence. The claimant was very cooperative and explained that he rents the vehicle to various people recommended by friends and family. On the date of the collision, the vehicle was in possession of a female named Jenevieve Hegedus. Since the collision, Hegedus had returned the vehicle but was currently in possession of another vehicle owned by the claimant.

Without hesitation, the claimant signed a Consent to Search form, allowing detectives to search and inspect the vehicle. The claimant provided Valley Traffic Division (VTD) detectives with the parking lot's address where the vehicle was located. Furthermore, the claimant assisted VTD detectives by contacting Hegedus via telephone and text message to arrange his other vehicle's return, so that VTD detectives could meet with her at his place of business. Over the next few days, Hegedus agreed to return the vehicle at certain times but canceled the appointments. The claimant was diligent in his efforts to get Hegedus to meet him without alerting her there was a police investigation.

Hegedus finally returned the car to the claimant. At which time, VTD detectives spoke to her about the fatal traffic collision. Hegedus advised that she did not realize she had hit a person; however, she did admit to driving in the collision area when it occurred and admitted to striking debris in the roadway. Consequently, Hegedus was arrested for Felony Hit and Run.

The search and inspection of the vehicle revealed a plethora of biological evidence that was ultimately determined to be that of the victim. Due to the overwhelming amount of evidence, Hegedus pled No Contest to Felony Hit and Run charge on January 12, 2018.

On January 15, 2019 Erik Limon, driver of the first vehicle, was convicted of Felony Hit and Run in this case, allowing justice to be served for the victim and victim's family.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact lead investigator Detective Lesley Perkins at (213) 473-0447. Detective Perkins is currently assigned to Special Assault Section, Operations West Bureau.

Respectfully,


MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachment

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *January 12, 2021*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

1709 16659

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION

ORIG - LAPD

DUPE - City Clerk

DUPE - Claimant

Mail to: Traffic Coordination Section, 100 W. First St, Room #469, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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) 7 (City) (State - Zip) CA
Daytime Phone & Contact Person 2

3. TODAY'S DATE: 09/20/2017

4. OCCUPATION: SELF EMPLOYED

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: 09/06/2017

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 11:20 ☐ AM ☒ PM
☐ NOON ☐ MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: SEPULVEDA & STAGG ST. (VAN NUYS, CA)

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISION

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: I HELPED AND CORRESPONDED WITH THE DETECTIVES TO BRING THE DRIVER TO MY OFFICE, WHERE SHE GOT ARRESTED, ALSO AUTHORIZED REPOSSESSION OF THE VEHICLE FOR INVESTIGATION.

12. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

13. X PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name PERKINS Serial # 38466 Agency LAPD
Phone # 818 644 8022

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:

TRACY ADAMS

RECOMMENDATION: ☐ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL ☐ INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT ☐ INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE JENEVIEVE HECEOUS WAS DRIVING WHEN SHE STRUCK TRACY ADAMS AND FAILED TO STOP AND RENDER AID. COOPERATED WITH DETECTIVES AND ASSISTED IN GETTING HECEOUS TO COME TO HIS MIND WHERE SHE WAS ARRESTED BY DETECTIVES. HECEOUS PLED GUILTY TO FELONY HIT AND RUN

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: _____

AGENCY FILE NUMBER 17-09-16659

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION FATAL HIT AND RUN

REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/21/2017

REWARD EXPIRATION DATE _____

INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: ☒ YES ☐ NO (Check one)

DATE RECEIVED: _____

CLAIMANT: ANONYMOUS

CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION SELF EMPLOYED

(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.)

CASE INVEST BY: LAPD VALENTI TRAFFIC DEPT. 438466
(Distribution)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____

Investigator(s) Assigned: DET I. LESLIE PERKINS
P-TT-11 DANNY MARTINEZ 34876
(Name and Badge No.)

Telephone: (213) 473-0436
Telephone: (818) 644-8022

The above claimant is ☒ ELIGIBLE ☐ NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment of a reward pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 12, Chapter 12, Sections 12.180 through 12.183.4.

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 provided continued cooperation with 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 notions 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.)

APPROVED BY

DET. JUANES

RANK/TITLE

DET