

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the payment of a reward offer for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the defendant in the shooting deaths of Mario Jackson and Tierney Yates.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE payments to claimant of a reward offer in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect responsible for the shooting deaths of Mario Jackson and Tierney Yates on May 5, 2007.
2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:
 - a. Transfer \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and appropriate therefrom to the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14.
 - b. Transfer \$50,000 from the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14, Account No. XXXXXX to the Police Department Fund No. 100/70, Secret Service Account No. 004310.
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to make the appropriate reward payment.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAPD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated February 14, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the LAPD recommends payment of a reward offer to a claimant for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the defendant in the shooting deaths of Mario Jackson and Tierney Yates.

According to the LAPD, on May 5, 2007, Mario Jackson and Tierney Yates were murdered inside the "Magic Wheels Private Club" located at 10974 South Broadway. Although there were leads for the investigators to pursue, no one was willing to identify the perpetrator. Council offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person responsible for this double murder.

LAPD goes on to report, that subsequent to the offer of the reward, a witness indicated that he knew the identity of the killer. Charon McMichael, a "Raymond Avenue Crip" street gang member, admitted to the witness that he had shot and killed the victims. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed two counts of murder on McMichael because of the information provided by said witness. The suspect was arrested, and eventually pled guilty to two counts of voluntary manslaughter, and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. The witness testified at both the preliminary hearing and the jury trial. LAPD believes that the information provided by the witness was crucial to the arrest and conviction of the suspect. On February 25,

2014, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's recommendation to make a reward payment in the amount of \$50,000 to the claimant.

At its meeting held March 28, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the reward payment, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

JAW

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