

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 death of Mr. Alonzo Ester.

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

1. APPROVE payment to the 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 death of Mr. Alonzo Ester on May 13, 2011.
2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:
 - a. Transfer \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and appropriatetherefrom 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 November 1, 2013 (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 death of Mr. Alonzo Ester on May 13, 2011. On July 1, 2011, a witness told the LAPD detective assigned to the case that Dennis Brown had admitted to being the killer. Subsequently, detectives were able to corroborate and confirm the information was accurate. The witness testified in Superior Court. Ultimately, the defendant pled guilty to charges of manslaughter and attempted robbery, and was sentenced to 16 years in State prison. It is the opinion of the investigating detective and the Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney that the witness is eligible for the reward offer. On April 18, 2014, the Board approved LAPD's report.

At its meeting held May 23, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the payment of this reward offer as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

JAW

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