

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the payment of a reward for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Mr. Carlos Martinez.

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

1. APPROVE payment to claimant of a reward offer in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Mr. Carlos Martinez on July 22, 2011.
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 payments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by 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 July 23, 2013 (attached to the Council file), LAPD recommends payment of a reward offer for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Mr. Carlos Martinez. The Department reports that on July 22, 2011, Mr. Martinez was seated in his vehicle near 52nd and Main Streets. He was approached by an African-American male who fired several rounds into the vehicle, killing him. It appeared that Mr. Martinez was in the area working at the time of the shooting. LAPD believes that motive behind the shooting was either road rage incident or an attempted robbery.

During the investigation conducted by LAPD detectives, it was discovered that Mr. Martinez had written down a license plate number on his note pad. It was determined that the license plate number matched the plate of a vehicle which was taken in an armed carjacking 13 hours prior to Mr. Martinez being murdered. The victim/witness of the carjacking was shot and hospitalized. Upon his/her release from the hospital, the carjacking victim/witness provided crucial information identifying Antwon Brown as the person who had carjacked and shot him/her. This information eventually led to a positive identification of Antwon Brown as the person responsible for the murder of Mr. Martinez. Brown was convicted for attempted murder and murder on April 19, 2013.

It is the opinion of the investigating officers and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to the case that the suspect's conviction would not have been possible without the assistance of the witness. On August 6, 2013, the Board approved LAPD's recommendation.

At its meeting held September 13, 2013, 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:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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