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November 7, 2013

BPC #13-0371

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL FILE NO.
12-0010-S18 FOR WITNESS #1

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 29, 2013, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

October 25, 2013
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REVIEWED

TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police


RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
10/24/13
DATE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL
FILE NO. 12-0010-S18

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners 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

On June 4, 2012, Victims Mauro and Angel Cortez were standing in front of 10526 South Hickory Street. Mauro Cortez was holding his one year child Angel Cortez in his arms. The defendant rode up on a bicycle and shot through Angel in an attempt to kill Mauro Cortez. Angel was transported to a local area hospital where he succumbed to his wounds and died. Mauro survived his wounds.

On June 4, 2012, Detectives Roberto Bourbois, Serial No. 32622, and Mario Aguilar, Serial No. 34311, were assigned to investigate the murder. Due to the horrific nature of this crime that claimed the life of a young child, the City Council offered a reward as an inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons who committed this willful act of murder. On June 5, 2012, the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion authorizing a \$50,000 reward. Also, the Los Angeles Kings contributed an additional \$50,000 towards this reward.

On June 5, 2012, Detective Aguilar received a call from Witness 1 who told Detective Aguilar that a burnt sweatshirt was located in a driveway directly east of a residence. Witness 1 told investigators that the sweatshirt had been burnt the night prior after the crime. Witness 1 agreed to meet with investigators. After meeting Witness 1, the investigators were advised about a young man who lived a few houses east who was seen in the neighborhood wearing a grey sweatshirt similar to the one that was burnt. Through Department resources, investigators developed information on an active gang member of Fudgetown Mafia named Donald Dokins. A photograph of Dokins was shown to Witness 1. Witness 1 positively identified the subject in the photograph as the boy seen in the neighborhood wearing a sweatshirt similar to the burnt grey sweatshirt.

On June 9, 2012, Detectives Aguilar and Bourbois met with Witness 2. Witness 2 was apprehensive about speaking to investigators. Witness 2 described the defendant who rode past the group and returned. Witness 2 stated that the defendant shot at the group and struck both Angel and Mauro. Witness 2 was shown a photographic line up and was able to identify defendant Donald Dokins.

On June 28, 2012, Detectives Bourbois and Aguilar presented this case to Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Ken Lynch. Based on the statement provided by Witness 1 and Witness 2, additional witnesses, and other circumstantial evidence, DDA Lynch filed (1) count of Penal Code (PC) Section 187 (A), (1) count of Attempt 187 PC, (1) count 12022.53(d) PC, (1) count of 12022.53(c) PC, (1) count of 12022.53(b) PC and (1) count of 186.22 PC Gang Enhancement against Donald Dokins.

On October 22, 2012, the preliminary hearing was held. Witness 1 and Witness 2 were called as witnesses and testified truthfully under oath. Judge Filer held the defendant to answer to all charges.

On March 25, 2013, the jury trial commenced. On March 27, 2013, Witness 1 and Witness 2 were again called as witnesses. The witnesses testified all day. It was grueling testimony for both witnesses, but the witnesses did so truthfully under oath. As a result of the detectives investigation and the testimony provided by the witnesses, the jury found the defendant guilty of all the counts filed against him. On June 21, 2013, Donald Dokins was sentenced to 90 years to life.

It is the opinion of the investigating detectives that the claimants are qualified for the reward offer. The information provided by the witnesses lead to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the defendant; Donald Dokins. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds be paid to the claimants listed on the attached Applications for Special Reward Payment.

Should you have any questions, contact Captain Thomas E. McMullen, Commanding Officer, Criminal Gang/Homicide Division, at (213) 485-4341.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *October 29, 2013*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG -- LAPD
DUPE -- City Clerk
DUPE -- Claimant

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, Witness 1 First: Middle

2. ADDRESS: (Street) (City) (State - Zip)
Daytime Phone & Contact Person
Confidential in care of I/O

3. TODAY'S DATE: 07/26/2013 4. OCCUPATION: Unknown

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: Confidential 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: 06 / 04 / 2012 8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 1950
__x__ PM ____ NOON ____ MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 10526 South Hickory Street

TYPE OF CRIME / INVESTIGATION: Homicide/Attempted Homicide

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Victim Cortez, a one year child, was in the arms of his father, when defendant rode up on his bicycle. Defendant then
10. fired his handgun multiple times at the victims. Bullets went through Angel Cortez and struck his father. The defendant then rode away on his bicycle.

12. X Officer for Applicants APPLICANT SIGNATURE 13 X PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name PO III Roberto Bourbois Serial #32622 Agency LAPD/CGHD
Phone # (213) 485-4341

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Angel Cortez and Mauro Cortez DR Nos. 1218-12106 and 1218-12107

RECOMMENDATION: X APPROVAL ____ DISAPPROVAL INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: ____ Yes ____ No
____ INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT
____ INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS: The claimants were instrumental in providing detectives with information regarding this investigation. The claimant kept in constant contact with detectives, was cooperative with the investigation, and arrived at all necessary appointments and court dates. The claimant witnesses testified truthfully under oath at both the preliminary hearing and jury trial which spanned over 6 months. Due to the cooperation of the claimants and their testimony, a violent and dangerous individual was identified, apprehended, charged, and convicted of these crimes.

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: 12-0010-S18 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 1218-12106/1218-12107

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Homicide REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/05/2013 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 06/14/2014

INFO. REC'D WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE REC'D: 06/09/2012
(circle one)

CLAIMANT: Witness 1 CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: Unknown
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD Criminal Gang/Homicide Division OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: PO III Roberto Bourbois Telephone: (213) 485-4341
_____ Telephone: ()

(Name and Serial No.)

The above claimant is X ELIGIBLE _____ NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment of a reward pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative code Division 19, Chapter 12, Sections 19.120 through 19.129.4.

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

_____ Claimant is a City officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose employment includes duties of law enforcement.

_____ 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.

_____ Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement

_____ Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made.

_____ Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer or in some other manner for the actions which are the bases for

_____ Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered.

_____ The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant.

Other: _____

_____ The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.

Explanation: _____

(If additional space is needed, use back of form.)

APPROVED BY [Signature] RANK/TITLE Capt 1