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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL FILE
No. 14-0010-S7

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 the Board approve and transmit to Council the recommendation that a previously approved reward offer, City Council File No. 14-0010-S7, be paid to an anonymous witness for providing information that led to the identity of a Felony Hit and Run suspect in this case.

On December 27, 2013, at 0300 hours, Victim David Pregerson was walking in the 600 block of Chautauqua Boulevard when he was struck by a motor vehicle. The driver fled failing to identify themselves or render aid. Victim Pregerson later died from his injuries. The incident was documented under the Los Angeles Police Department Division of Record No. 13-0818176.

On March 26, 2014, the City Council voted to announce a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect in this crime. On April 23, 2014, the witness, contacted detectives and relayed suspicious information about the suspect in this case. This sparked an investigation that led to the arrests of the driver, Marguerite Vuong, for Felony Hit and Run, and her husband, Michael Vuong, for Accessory, helping her cover up the crime. The Vuong's appeared in Superior Court under Case No. SA087516. Marguerite Vuong pled No Contest and was sentenced to three years in State Prison. Michael Vuong pled No Contest and was sentenced to three years of probation, which included 365 days in County Jail.

Prior to the information provided by the witness, there were no leads in the investigation. It is the opinion of the investigating detective that without the witness information, the suspects would still be at large. Therefore, the reward should be paid to the witness.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *May 5, 2015.*
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, <u>Anonymous</u>	First,	Middle
2. ADDRESS: (Street) <u>Confidential - In care of I/O</u> (City) (State - Zip) <u>Daytime</u> Phone & Contact Person <u>(213)382-9470</u> <u>Det John Skaggs #25252</u>		
3. TODAY'S DATE: <u>03/25/2015</u>	4. OCCUPATION: <u>Postal Supervisor</u>	
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: <u>Confidential</u>	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: <u>12/27/2014</u>	8. TIME OF INCIDENT: <u>0300</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> NOON <input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: <u>600 Blk of Chautauqua Boulevard</u>		
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: <u>Fatal Hit & Run collision</u>		
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: <u>The victim was walking in the street when he was struck by vehicle. The driver fled the scene without identifying themselves or rendering aid</u>		
12. <u>X</u> APPLICANT SIGNATURE	13. <u>X</u> PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)	

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Detective John Skaggs Serial # 25252 Agency LAPD OWB
Phone # (213)382-9470

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
David Pregerson DR No. 13-0818176

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

Prior to the information provided by the witness, there were no leads in the investigation. It is the opinion of the investigating detective that without the witness information, the suspects would still be at large. Therefore, the reward should be paid to the witness.

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: 14-0010-S7 DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 13-0818176
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit & Run Collision REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/26/2014 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 09/26/2014
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE RECEIVED: 04/23/2014
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: Anonymous CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: Postal Supervisor
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD West Bureau Homicide OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Detective John Skaggs #25252 Telephone: (213) 382-9470
(Name and Serial No.) Telephone: () _____

The above claimant is **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.

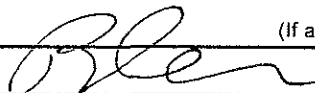
Reason(s) for claimant being NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment

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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 not provided continued cooperation within 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 actions 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:
N/A

(If additional space is needed, use next page.)

APPROVED BY



RANK/TITLE

Captain / WLA Area Commanding Officer

(Fox)

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Executive Office, Police Commission
City of Los Angeles

May 5, 2015

Charlie Beck
Chief of Police

CLOSED SESSION - ITEM NO. 10A-1

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held May 5, 2015, during Closed Session, the Board unanimously ADOPTED the Chief's recommendation pertaining to In Custody Death (ICD-Reclass) #045-14 by a vote of 4/0.

Respectfully,



MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

c: OIG, Use of Force Section