

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

Richard M. TeFank
RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11/30/18
DATE

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER (DR NO. 16-0918836)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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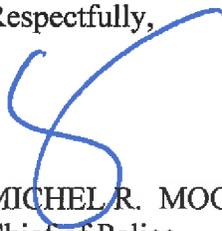
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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Captain Andrew Neiman, Valley Traffic Division, at (818) 644-8037.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachment

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POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *December 4, 2018*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

September 19, 2018

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TO: Commanding Officer, Traffic Group

FROM: Commanding Officer, Valley Traffic Division

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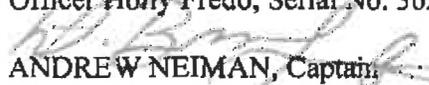
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ANDREW NEIMAN, Captain
Commanding Officer
Valley Traffic Division

Attachment

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT**

DISTRIBUTION
 DRB - LAPD
 DUPE - City Clerk
 DUFE - 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 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

1 **PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT:**
 Last: [REDACTED] First: [REDACTED] Middle: [REDACTED]

2 **ADDRESS:** (Street) [REDACTED] (City) Los Angeles (State - Zip) [REDACTED]
 Calling Phone & Contact Person [REDACTED]

3 **TODAY'S DATE:** [REDACTED] 4 **OCCUPATION:** [REDACTED]

5 **DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #:** [REDACTED] 6 **SOCIAL SECURITY #:** (For payment purposes) [REDACTED]

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:** 10/17/2016 8 **TIME OF INCIDENT:** 1329 AM PM
 NOON MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 16333 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91406

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit and run felony

9 **DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:** Suspect backed his vehicle into and over victim causing severe injuries. Susp fled failing to stop. His vehicle had paper plates and I had exhausted all leads.

12 **APPLICANT SIGNATURE:** [REDACTED] 13 **PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (Under 18 years):** [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Fredo Serial # 33200 Agency LAPD
 Phone # (818)844-8037

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: Marilyn Panglinan

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:
 [REDACTED] provided a recorded statement that John Ray Burns told her he committed this hit and run. When [REDACTED] found the community alert she came forward. [REDACTED] testified at the preliminary hearing and the jury trial. Due to the information [REDACTED] provided to us and her testimony John Ray Burns was convicted.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: *A. Fredo*

**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: _____ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 16-09-18836
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit and Run Felony REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 25,000
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/17/2016 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 04/17/2017
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE RECEIVED: 12/29/2016
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD Valley Traffic Division Detectives OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Holly Fredo #36290 Telephone: (818) 644-8037
(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:

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

APPROVED BY A. Fredo RANK/TITLE P-3+1 OFFICER