

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reward payment in connection with the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators in connection with the vehicular manslaughter of Elsa Debelen and Bella West on July 27, 2016 (DR No. 1618-15111).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the payment of \$50,000 in connection with the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators in connection with the vehicular manslaughter of Elsa Debelen and Bella West on July 27, 2016 (DR No. 1618-15111).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners (Board). Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 13, 2020, your Committee considered a September 15, 2020 Board report relative to reward payment in connection with the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators in connection with the vehicular manslaughter of Elsa Debelen and Bella West on July 27, 2016 (DR No. 1618-15111). According to the Board, it is requesting that the Board approve and transmit to the City Council the recommendation to approve this reward offer to be paid to Claimant in the sum of \$50,000. The Claimant provided information that was vital to the arrest and conviction of the suspect responsible for the Vehicular Manslaughter of Elsa Debelen and Bella West. On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at approximately 2000 hours, a traffic collision occurred on Orchard Avenue and 148th Street, where a vehicle ran off the roadway and collided with a residence resulting in nine serious injuries, and two fatalities. South Traffic Detective Sandra Smith, Police Officers Kitti Yount, and Carol Mitchell responded to the crime scene. On Thursday, July 28, 2016, South Traffic Detectives received a call from the Southeast Patrol Watch Commander that a Gang Reduction Youth Development Volunteer called and advised that he was bringing the hit and run suspect Rashanda Norman to Southeast Station. Ms. Norman was arrested and provided a statement. On March 16, 2017, Rashanda Norman was convicted of Vehicular Manslaughter and sentenced to seven years in state prison. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend payment of the reward. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

RODRIGUEZ: YES

O'FARRELL: YES
BUSCAINO: YES
RYU: YES
LEE: YES

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