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October 5, 2010

BPC #10-0386

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL FILE NO.
06-0010-S36

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 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 blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police


RICHARD M. TIVANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
9/29/10
DATESUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON CITY COUNCIL
FILE NO. 06-0010-S36

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

On September 24, 2006, at approximately 1445 hours, victim Kaitlyn Avila, aged three, was seating in the rear seat of her father's vehicle in the 4500 block of Pinafore Street with her sister Casey Avila, aged five. The suspect's vehicle drove up alongside the victim's vehicle. The suspect then exited his vehicle and shot multiple times at victims, striking Kaitlyn and her father, Cesar Avila who was standing outside of the vehicle. Citizens in the area contacted the Los Angeles Fire and Police Departments.

On September 24, 2006, Detectives Stanley Evans, Serial No. 26117, and Dorian Henry, Serial No. 30472 were assigned to investigate this murder.

On September 27, 2006, the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion authorizing a \$50,000 reward as an inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons committing this willful act of murder.

On September 27, 2006, Detective Stanley Evans, Detective Dorian Henry, the Honorable Herb Wesson City Councilmember 10th District, Chief of Police William Bratton, and Deputy Chief Charlie Beck attended a press conference in the immediate area of the crime scene.

On September 28, 2006, Detectives received information from a member of the Black P-Stone gang identifying Jonathan Banks as the shooter and Laron Larimore as the driver of the vehicle. Both were known personally to the gang member as fellow gang members.

Detective Evans created separate photographic line ups for Laron Larimore and Jonathan Banks. Those photographic line ups were presented to three witnesses. A witness identified Jonathan Banks as the person he saw shoot Cesar Avila and Kaitlyn Avila. Cesar Avila identified Jonathan Banks as the person who shot him and his daughter, and identified Laron Larimore as the driver of the vehicle. Another witness identified Jonathan Banks as the person she saw drop a metallic object pick it up and enter into the getaway vehicle.

On October 6, 2006, Laron Larimore was arrested for the murder Kaitlyn Avila. On October 10, 2006, Jonathan Banks was arrested for the murder of Kaitlyn Avila. As a result of this investigation and the identifications provided by the aforementioned witnesses the District Attorney's office filed 1 count of 187(A)PC Murder, 2 counts of 664/187(A)PC Attempted Murder and several additional counts related to gang allegations against each defendant.

Three witnesses came forward and provided crucial evidence to this crime. On March 17, 2009, the trial was held in this matter, the witnesses were called to testify. Each testified truthfully under oath. The jury found Laron Larimore guilty of all the charged counts, but hung on Jonathan Banks.

On September 17, 2009, a second trial was held; again, the witnesses were called to testify. Each testified truthfully under oath. As a result of the Detectives investigation and the testimony provided by the aforementioned witnesses Jonathan Banks was found guilty of all the counts filed against him.

It is the opinion of the investigating detectives that the three claimants qualify for the reward offer. The information provided by the three witnesses lead to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of both defendants Jonathan Banks and Laron Larimore. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds be paid to the three witnesses listed on the attached Applications for Special Reward Payment

Should you have any questions, contact Detective Stanley Evans, Southwest Area, at (213) 485-2561.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachments

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *October 5, 2010*
Secretary *Maria Silva*