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**POLICE COMMISSION**

**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** PAYMENT OF HIT AND RUN REWARD FOR DR No. 18-10-13076

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE 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**

Valley Traffic Division requests that the Claimant receive the \$25,000 reward offered in a Hit and Run case (DR No. 18-10-13076). With the Claimant's assistance, Gillian Blythe Zelman (suspect) was positively identified as the Hit and Run driver and convicted. Attached is the application for the reward.

On July 16, 2018, a severe injury Hit and Run traffic collision occurred near the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and Sherman Oaks Avenue. Sheri Walsh was entering Ventura Boulevard from private property and was struck by a Lexus Sports Utility Vehicle, or SUV. The SUV immediately fled the scene without the driver (suspect) rendering aid or identifying herself, in violation of section 20001(a) the California Vehicle Code (CVC). The SUV was reported stolen out of the City of San Fernando on June 22, 2019 (Case No. 181388).

The Claimant went to the scene of the collision to assess the damage to the victim's car. While waiting for the tow truck to arrive, the suspect came back to the location. The witness pointed out the suspect to the Claimant. The Claimant videotaped the suspect and their conversation, ultimately following the suspect to a motel across the street from the crime location. The Claimant learned of the suspect's identity with the assistance of a private investigator whom she hired and passed the information to the police, which was critical to the investigation.

Gillian Blythe Zelman was identified as the suspect in this Hit and Run crime due to the Claimant's direct efforts. Zelman was arrested two days later for driving the stolen car used in the Hit and Run crime. During the investigation, investigators learned the suspect was in custody for driving the stolen car and were able to file Hit and Run charges with the District Attorney's office.

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Due to the overwhelming amount of evidence, Zelman plead guilty to 10851(a) CVC (Vehicle Theft), and 20001(b)(1) CVC (Hit and Run with injury). Zelman was sentenced to 270 days in jail.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Captain Andrew Neiman, Valley Traffic Division, at (818) 644-8030.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE  
Chief of Police

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Approved

Signature

February 9, 2021  
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Attachment

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

**DISTRIBUTION:**

ORIG LAPD Mail to: Traffic Coordination Section, 180 W. First St., Room #405, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
DUPE - Officer:

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, Section 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

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|---|--|
| 1 | PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT:<br>Last _____ First _____ Middle _____                                |
| 2 | ADDRESS (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State Zip) _____<br>Electric Phone & Contact Person _____ |
| 3 | TODAY'S DATE: <u>3/25/19</u>   |
| 4 | OCCUPATION _____   |
| 5 | DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID # _____   |
| 6 | SOCIAL SECURITY # _____<br>(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.

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | DATE OF INCIDENT: <u>7-16-18</u>                            | 8 | TIME OF INCIDENT: <u>5:30ish</u> <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <u>4:15:00</u><br><input type="checkbox"/> NOON <input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT |
|   | LOCATION OF INCIDENT: <u>Venice Blvd / Sherman Oaks Ave</u> |   |   |
|   | TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: <u>Hit &amp; Run Miss RPT</u>  |   | <u>By LARSON #38857</u><br><u>officer</u>   |
| 9 | DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:                                    |   |   |

|       |                           |       |   |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|---|
| 12. X | APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ | 13. X | PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years) _____ |
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**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

|                             |                                   |              |                        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| INVESTIGATING OFFICER:      | Name                              | Serial #     | Agency                 |
| <u>818-834-3115</u> Phone # | <u>D. Larkin</u>                  | <u>31742</u> | <u>LAPD - Foothill</u> |
| NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:     | <u>Sharon Walsh # 19-10-13076</u> |              |                        |

RECOMMENDATION:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT  INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED:  Yes  No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

DIA DOUGLAS Larkin 31742

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: \_\_\_\_\_ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER 18-10-13076

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION Hit and Run Felony REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 25,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ REWARD EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT:  YES  NO (Check one) DATE RECEIVED: 3-26-2019

CLAIMANT: \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION Business owner

(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.)

CASE INVEST BY: LAPD Valley Traffic Dets OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: Det II Doug Larkin 31742 Telephone: 818 834-3115  
(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 19.120.4.

**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 provided continued cooperation with 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:

see chronological record for details.

(If additional space is needed, use next page)

APPROVED BY [Signature] RANK/TITLE Captain II, C/O VTP  
Attachment #2