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POLICE COMMISSIONER

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER ON SEVERE INJURY HIT AND RUN DR NO. 19-0413683

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 the City Council the recommendation that an approved reward offer be paid to Claimants 1, 2, and 3. All three Claimants provided information that was vital to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the Severe Injury Felony Hit and Run of Gabriel Lopez, Traffic Collision Report DR No.19-0413683 (Los Angeles City Council File No. 13-0025-S1). It is requested that the \$25,000 reward be divided among the three Claimants.

On August 22, 2019, Gabriel Lopez was riding his bicycle eastbound on Whittier Boulevard just past Calzona Street. A white full-size pick-up truck was travelling westbound Whittier Boulevard at high rate of speed, lost traction, veered onto the eastbound side of Whittier Boulevard, and collided head-on with Gabriel Lopez. The driver (suspect) failed to stop, render aid, and identify him. There was no additional information on the truck or driver (suspect).

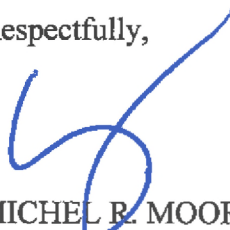
Central Traffic Detective Juan Campos, Serial No.31480, was able to retrieve video footage that captured the collision and the suspect's truck. The license plate, however, was not readable. The video was clear enough so that Detective Campos could make out the possible make, model, and the truck's aftermarket parts. Detective Campos created a \$25,000 reward bulletin that depicted still photographs of the truck. Detective Campos released the video and the reward bulletin through the Department Media Relations Division. Several news outlets carried the story.

Detective Campos received information from the Claimants and identified the driver as Luis Raya-Flores. The Claimants provided Detective Campos with Raya-Flores' workplace address and Facebook social media account information, which had photographs of the truck and the license plate number. Detective Campos was able to locate Luis Raya-Flores' residence. Detective Campos, along with Central Traffic Investigator Juan Mendoza, Serial No. 32010, conducted a follow-up to Raya-Flores' residence. They made contact with Raya-Flores, who stated he was expecting them due to the news coverage. Raya-Flores confessed to being the driver of the white truck that collided into the bicyclist at Whittier Boulevard and Calzona Street. Raya-Flores also directed the investigators to the location of his truck, which was at a body shop to repair the damage from the collision.

On September 11, 2019, the case was presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. Deputy District Attorney Oscar Plascencia filed one count of 20001(b)(1) California Vehicle Code (CVC) (Felony Hit and Run) against Raya-Flores. The case was assigned BA481040.

Without the information from the Claimants, this would have been an unsolved case. It is the opinion of the detectives and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to this case that the Claimants' information vital in the arrest and conviction of Raya-Flores. Detectives believe the Claimants have met all the requirements and are eligible to receive the reward payment.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachment

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Approved: February 9, 2021
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**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: 19-0413683
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Felony Hit and Run REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 25,000.00
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/22/2019 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 11/22/2019
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO DATE RECEIVED: 08/27/2019
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD Central Traffic Detectives OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Det-II Campos, J Telephone: (213) 486-0755
(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

- Claimant is a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose employment includes duties of law enforcement.
- Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement.
- Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward.
- The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant.
- The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.
- 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.
- Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made.
- Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered.
- Other: _____

Explanation:

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APPROVED BY Juan Campos RANK/TITLE Detective-II

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION

ORIG - LAPD Mail to: Traffic Coordination Section, 100 W. First St, Room #469, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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, First, Middle
2. ADDRESS: (Street) (City) (State - Zip) Daytime Phone & Contact Person
3. TODAY'S DATE: 10/15/2020
4. OCCUPATION:
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #:
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: 08-22-2019 8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 10:20 AM PM NOON MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Boyle Heights, CA [cross str. Whittier Blvd & Calzona St]
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: HIT & RUN
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: white pickup truck hit bicyclist & fled the scene.

12. X APPLICANT SIGNATURE
13. X PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Det Camacho, J Serial # 31480 Agency LAPD-CTD
Phone # 213-833-3713

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: LOPEZ, GABRIEL

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS: GAVE ME THE SUSPECT'S NAME & VEHICLE INFORMATION WHICH LEAD TO THE ARREST & CONVICTION OF THE SUSPECT.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: [Signature]

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LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Boyle Heights, east on Whittier Blvd near Catalina St

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Suspicion of felony hit and run

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Raym Flores, traveling at a high speed turned left (control hit the bicyclist, didn't even stop - he had fled the scene

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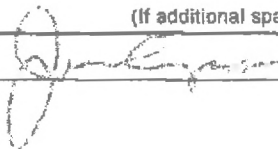
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