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August 17, 2021

BPC #21-147

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER FOR DR NO. 17-13-06548.

At the special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD FOR DR NO. 17-13-06548

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 A & B in the sum of \$50,000. The Claimants provided information that was vital to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the Fatal Hit and Run of Bobby James Arnold, Traffic Collision Report, DR No.17-13-06548. It is requested that the \$50,000 reward be divided among the two Claimants.

On February 11, 2017, Bobby James Arnold was crossing Broadway within the crosswalk at 49th Street when a dark-colored Nissan Quest mini-van struck him. The driver (suspect) fled the scene without rendering aid or identifying himself or herself. Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics responded to the location and transported Arnold to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The announcement of the reward by Central Traffic Division Detective Johnny Meneses, Serial No. 25980, resulted in the Claimants coming forward and providing crucial information that led to the identity of the driver, Teresa Vergara Amigon. The driver was arrested and convicted for California Vehicle Code Section 20001(b)(2), Felony Hit and Run, and was sentenced to five years in state prison on August 21, 2018, Superior Court Case, BA463279. The information provided by the Claimants was vital in the arrest and conviction of the suspect making the Claimants eligible to receive payment.

It is the opinion of the investigating detectives and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to this case that the information provided by Claimants A & B was vital in the arrest and conviction of the suspect, Teresa Vergara Amigon. Central Traffic Division Detectives believe the Claimants have met the requirements and are eligible to receive the reward payment.

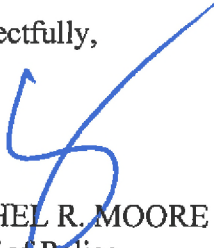
The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact lead investigator Detective Juan Campos, Central Traffic Division, at (213) 486-0755.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved By *August 10, 2021*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION

ORIG - LAPD
DUPE - City Clerk
UPE - 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:

4. OCCUPATION:

4/20/21

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #:

6. SOCIAL SECURITY #:
(For dependent children only)

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: 02/11/2017

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 0620

AM

PM

NOON

MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Broadway and 49th St

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Felony Fatal Hit and Run

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Pedestrian was struck by vehicle and dies. The driver failed to stop to render aid and identify herself.

12. X APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER:

Name Det De Leon #23911/Det Campos

Serial # 31480

Agency LAPD-CTD

Phone # (213)488-0755

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:

Bobby James Arnold

RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL

DISAPPROVAL

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: Yes No

INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT

INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

Applicant passed on information to Det De Leon identifying Teresa Vergara Amigon as the driver of the hit and run vehicle.

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.
ne checklist must be submitted for each claimant.**

COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: _____ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 17-1306548

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: FATAL HIT & RUN REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 2-11-17 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 5-1-17

INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO
(Check one) DATE RECEIVED: 11-9-17

CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD CENTRAL TRAFFIC OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: DET DE LEON Telephone: () RETIRED
DET CAMPOS #31480 Telephone: (213) 486-0755
(Name and Serial No.)

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:

APPROVED BY Juan Lopez (If additional space is needed, use next page.) RANK/TITLE Detention - II

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG - LAPD
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1. PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT: Last, First, Middle
2. ADDRESS: (Street) (City) (State - Zip)
Daytime Phone & Contact Person
3. TODAY'S DATE: 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: 02/11/2017 8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 0620 AM PM
 NOON MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Broadway and 49th St
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Felony Fatal Hit and Run
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Pedestrian was struck by vehicle and dies. The driver failed to stop to render aid and identify herself.
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 De Leon #23911/Det Campos Serial # 31480 Agency LAPD-CTD
Phone # (213)486-0755

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Bobby James Arnold

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

Applicant passed on information to Det De Leon identifying Teresa Vergara Amigon as the driver of the hit and run vehicle.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

DET

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
REWARD CLAIM CHECKLIST

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The checklist must be submitted for each claimant.

COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: _____

DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 17-1304548

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: RAPAL HIT&RUN

REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 2-11-17

REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 5-11-17

INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO
(Check one)

DATE RECEIVED: 6-19-17 & 11-9-17

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

CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD CENTRAL TRAFFIC
(Div/Section)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____

Investigator(s) Assigned: DET DELEON
DET CAMPOS, J #31480
(Name and Serial No.)

Telephone: () RESERVED
Telephone: (213) 486-0755

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- Other: _____

Explanation:

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News Release

Monday, February 13, 2017



Elderly Man Dies from Hit and Run Collision

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Los Angeles: The Los Angeles Police Department Central Traffic Division detectives are asking for the public's help in providing any information that would lead to the identification and arrest of the suspect involved in a hit and run collision that fatally injured a 69-year-old man.

Today, Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 6:20 a.m., a vehicle traveling south on Broadway Boulevard collided with a 69-year-old man, the elderly man was crossing westbound on Broadway Boulevard at 49th Street within the marked crosswalk when he was struck. The driver, failed to remain at the scene, identify himself, and render assistance as required by law.

Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics responded to the location and transported the elderly man to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. The vehicle description is pending review of nearby surveillance videos. The identity of the elderly man is pending verification from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office.

On April 15, 2015, the City Council amended the Los Angeles Administrative Code and created a Hit and Run Reward Program Trust Fund. A reward of up to \$50,000 is available to community members who provide information leading to the offender's identification, apprehension, and conviction or resolution through a civil compromise.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Central Traffic Division at 213-833-3713. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may also visit ww.lapdonline.org, and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the "Get Involved-Crime Stoppers" menu to submit an online tip. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the LA Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program.