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January 12, 2023

BPC #23-004

The Honorable Karen Bass
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 ON REWARD OFFER COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-04-10135.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, January 10, 2023 the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Muñoz".

REBECCA MUÑOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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December 20, 2022

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POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER (DR NO. 17-04-10135)

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 April 15, 2015, The City Council amended the Los Angeles Administrative Code and created a Hit and Run Reward Program Trust. This reward program was created to encourage community members to provide information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction, or resolution through civil compromise, of suspects who fail to stop and render aid at a traffic collision.

It is requested that the Board approve and transmit to the City Council the recommendation to approve this reward offer to be paid to the two claimants in the amount of \$12,500.00 each with a total sum of \$25,000.00. The claimants provided information that was vital to the arrest and conviction of the suspect responsible for felony hit and run causing severe injuries to the victims.

On May 17, 2017, Martin Huerta (5 years old) and his mother Jessica Nicolas were crossing 2nd Street just west of Soto Street with when they were struck by a black Jeep Cherokee. The driver of the Jeep Cherokee fled the scene without stopping and identifying herself. The Los Angeles Fire Paramedics responded and transported victims Huerta and Nicolas to a local hospital where they were treated for their severe injuries.

On May 18, 2017, Officer Robert Palma, Serial No. 26756, obtained information from the claimants that assisted with the identification of the suspect driver, Roseline Gonzales. The claimants know the suspect driver and passenger from prior contacts. One of the claimants provided photos of both the suspect and her passenger. Officer Palma using Department resources prepared a photo line-up which included a booking photo of the suspect. A witness of the collision identified the suspect driver from the photo line-up.

The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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On November 7, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Campbell filed 1-count of 20001(b)(2) California Vehicle Code (CVC), Felony Hit and Run Causing Injury and an arrest warrant was issued for her arrest (Case No. BA462698).

On August 19, 2018, Roseline Gonzales was arrested on the warrant by Hollenbeck patrol officers (Booking No. 5398916). On October 10, 2018, Roseline Gonzales was convicted for 20001(b)(2) California Vehicle Code and was sentenced to eight days at the Los Angeles County Jail and three years formal probation.

It is the opinion of the investigating detective and the district attorney assigned to this case that the information provided by the two claimants was vital in the arrest and conviction of Roseline Gonzales, making the claimants eligible to receive the reward payment.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Officer Robert Palma, Detective Section, Central Traffic Division, at (213) 486-0767.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE
Chief of Police

Attachment

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *January 10, 2023*
Secretary *Rebecca Muñoz*

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG - LAPD
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: [REDACTED] First: [REDACTED] Middle: [REDACTED]

2. ADDRESS: (Street): [REDACTED] (City): [REDACTED] (State - Zip): [REDACTED]
Daytime Phone & Contact Person: [REDACTED]

3. TODAY'S DATE: 05/28/2021

4. OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: [REDACTED]

6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED]
(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: 05/17/2017

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 2020 AM PM
 NOON MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2nd Street and Soto Street

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit and Run Felony

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: The hit and run driver was backing the vehicle when the vehicle collided with 2 pedestrians. After the collision, the driver fled the scene without providing information and rendering aid.

12. X [REDACTED] APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name R. Palma Serial # 26758 Agency Los Angeles Police
Phone # (213)833-3713

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Jessica Nicolas and Martin Huerta 17-04-10135

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: Yes No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

[REDACTED] served the hit and run collision and saw the Defendant driving when the collision occurred. [REDACTED] provided information to [REDACTED] provided that information to the I/O (Palma) who was conducting the investigation. The information provided to the I/O was vital in the identification and conviction of the hit and run driver.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Det Campos, J #31408
Juan Campos

**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: 17-0410135

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: SEVERE HST & RUP REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 25,000

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 5-17-17 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: 5-17-27

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

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

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD CTO DETECTIVES OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: PO PALMA R #26756 Telephone: 20833-3713
(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

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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 not provided continued cooperation within 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:

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APPROVED BY [Signature] RANK/TITLE DET-III

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Daytime Phone & Contact Person [REDACTED]

3. TODAY'S DATE: 05/28/2021

4. OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]

5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: [REDACTED]

6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: (For payment purposes) [REDACTED]

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES: (Fill in or mark ALL that apply)

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Phone # (213)833-3713

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
Jessica Nicolas and Martin Huerta (DR# 1704-10135)

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: Yes No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:
Lizette Veloz observed the hit and run collision and saw the Defendant driving when the collision occurred. Lizette Veloz provided information to Ave Nicolas. Ave Nicolas then provided the information to the I/O (Palma) who I was conducting the investigation. The information provided to the I/O was vital in the identification and conviction of the hit and run driver.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:
Det Campos #31480
Juan Campos

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INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: YES NO
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: _____ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.)
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD CTD DETECTIVES OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: DECE PALMA, R #26756 Telephone: (213) 833-3713
(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 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 is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement.
- Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made.
- Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward.
- Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered.
- The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant.
- Other: _____
- The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.

Explanation:

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APPROVED BY: [Signature] #31410 RANK/TITLE DET. II