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January 7, 2025

BPC #25-013

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 OF REWARD OFFER DR NO. 2304-06931

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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

Handwritten signature of Maria Silva in cursive.

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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December 19, 2024
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER DR NO. 2304-06931

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE the attached application of 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 to be paid to the Claimant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Claimant provided information that was vital in assisting with a fatal hit-and-run case DR No. 2304-06931. The Claimant positively identified the suspect as the hit-and-run driver, who was convicted and sentenced to three years in state prison.

On March 30, 2023, a 13-year old male victim, was crossing southbound on Orme Avenue at Whittier Boulevard, within a marked crosswalk. A motorcyclist traveling eastbound on Whittier Boulevard collided with the victim. The force of the collision caused the victim to lose his right leg. Following the collision, the motorcyclist returned to his motorcycle and fled the scene without rendering aid or identifying himself.

On March 31, 2023, a press release and video of the crash were released to the public through the Media Relations Division and various social media platforms soliciting the public's help in identifying the hit and run motorcycle rider.

On April 6, 2023, Detective Dan Ramirez, Serial No. 39299, and Officer Sae Ko, Serial No. 40042, met with the Claimant. The Claimant provided the officers video footage of the crash. The officers were able to identify the license plate of the hit and run motorcycle.

On April 11, 2023, Erwin Majano, a 31-year-old male, was identified as the suspect in the hit and run. Suspect Majano was subsequently arrested and booked for felony hit and run, California Vehicle Code Section 20001(a).

On May 26, 2023, The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed one count of felony hit and run, Vehicle Code Section 20001(b)(2), against Suspect Erwin Majano (Court Case No. BA515355).

On August 26, 2023, Suspect Erwin Majano waived his right to a trial and pleaded guilty to felony hit and run. He was sentenced to three years in state prison.

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

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Commander Craig Valenzuela, Serial No. 33440, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0680.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Approved
Secretary**

January 7, 2025
María Silva

Attachment

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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: [Redacted] First [Redacted] Middle [Redacted]
2. ADDRESS: (Street) [Redacted] (City) [Redacted] (State - Zip) [Redacted]
Daytime Phone & Contact Person [Redacted]
3. TODAY'S DATE: October 16, 2024
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)

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: 03/30/2023
8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 3:26 [] AM [X] PM [] NOON [] MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Orme Street and Whittier Boulevard
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Severe Traffic Felony Hit and Run
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: On March 30, 2023 at 1526 hours, the rider of a motorcycle collided with a 13-year-old victim crossing the street. The victim lost his right leg as a result of the collision. The rider fled the scene and was eventually arrested. The witness, [Redacted], assisted with providing video and receipt of the suspect, which was paramount in identifying the rider.
12. [Redacted Signature] APPLICANT SIGNATURE
13. [Redacted Signature] PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name D2 Dan Ramirez Serial #39299 Agency LAPD / CTD
Phone # 213-833-3713
NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: BAB15355

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

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS: Veh. 1 E/B Whittier collided w/ P-2 walking S/B on Whittier Blvd in a marked crosswalk. The leg of P-2 continued E/W and was wedged between a parked car and north curb.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: