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June 17, 2025

BPC #25-137

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 HIT AND RUN REWARD FOR DR NO. 2212-09489

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A blue ink signature of Rebecca Munoz.

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

May 9, 2025

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF HIT AND RUN REWARD FOR DR NO. 2212-09489

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 \$50,000.00. The claimant provided information that was vital in assisting with felony hit-and-run case DR No. 2212-09489. The claimant positively identified the suspect as the hit-and-run driver.

On April 6, 2022, at approximately 2218 hours, the suspect was driving a black Cadillac CTS registered to him when he failed to yield to a pedestrian, legally crossing Figueroa Street in a marked crosswalk. The suspect was driving recklessly and failed to yield as other vehicles already had. After crashing into the victim, the suspect abruptly swerved the vehicle to dislodge the victim, throwing her to the street. The victim died at scene. Surveillance footage was captured and witnesses described the vehicle continuing northbound on Figueroa Street to Florence Avenue. There was no additional information available.

On April 11, 2022, the claimant contacted South Traffic Detectives telephonically and provided information not previously known about the suspect and the vehicle. The claimant provided detectives with photographs of the damaged vehicle and directed them to the intersection where the vehicle was parked. The claimant also provided identifying information for the driver and explained how they had obtained the information.

Utilizing the information provided by the claimant, officers were able to locate the involved vehicle and impounded it. Surveillance footage was located at the intersection that documented the suspect parking the vehicle at the location shortly after the fatal hit and run and walking to a nearby liquor store. Additional footage captured the suspect returning to the vehicle to check the damage. The claimant was cooperative during follow up calls throughout the investigation.

On September 8, 2023, Deputy District Attorney Cathy Choy filed one-count each of 192(c)(1) PC Vehicular Manslaughter; 23152 of the California Vehicle Code, Driving While Addicted to a Drug and 20001(b)(1) Felony Hit and Run of the California Vehicle Code, Case No. BA517727.

On September 21, 2023, the suspect was arraigned on two additional charges of one-count each of 187(A) PC, Second Degree Murder and 191.5(A) PC, Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated.

On December 10, 2024, the suspect was convicted of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated and on February 14, 2025, was sentenced to ten years state prison. It is the opinion of the handling prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Jin-Kyoung Lee, that a conviction would not have been possible without the information provided by the claimant. DNA evidence collected from this case also identified the suspect as a rape suspect in Northern California. The suspect was prosecuted in Los Angeles County and was sentenced to 87 years state prison for that case.

It is the opinion of the investigator, Detective Mikey Geitheim, that the claimant qualifies for the \$50,000.00 reward under the Police Commission Notice, BPC No. 14-0441. The information provided by the claimant led to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the suspect. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds in the total amount of \$50,000.00 be paid to the claimant listed on the attached "Application for Special Reward Payment."

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Commander Al Neal, Serial No. 30599, Commanding Officer, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0680.

Respectfully,


JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *June 3, 2025*
Secretary *Rebecca Munoz*

**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: _____

DRAGENCY FILE NUMBER 2212-09489

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION FATAL HIT & RUN

REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

REWARD EXPIRATION DATE _____

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

DATE RECEIVED: _____

CLAIMANT: _____

CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION _____

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

CASE INVEST BY: LAPD SOUTH TRAFFIC DIVISION
(Div/Section)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____

Investigator(s) Assigned:

DET. MIKEY GEITHEIM #37631
POLICE OFFICER SAM BALDERAS #11911
(Name and Serial No.)

Telephone: (213) 713 9579

Telephone: (323) 421 2540

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 provided continued cooperation with 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:

(If additional space is needed, use next page.)

APPROVED BY _____

RANK/TITLE _____

Attachment #2

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION

ORIG - LAPD
DUPE -- City Clerk
DUPE - Claimant

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

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 18 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:

February 3, 2025

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: APRIL 6, 2022

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 1018

☐ AM☒ PM☐ NOON☐ MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

FIGUEROA ST. / 74TH ST

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION:

FATAL HIT AND RUN CRASH

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

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. II GEITHEIM

Serial # 37631

Agency LAPD/ NOE

Phone #

(213) 713-9579

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:

JONES, JUDY

RECOMMENDATION:

☒ APPROVAL☐ DISAPPROVALINVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: ☒ Yes ☐ No☐ INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT☐ INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

A VEH V. PEDESTRIAN HIT AND RUN OCCURRED AND THE VICTIM DIED AT SCENE. THE DRIVER NEVER STOPPED. A TIP PROVIDED INVESTIGATORS WITH VEHICLE AND POSSIBLE DRIVER INFO. A LENGTHY INVESTIGATION PROVIDED A CONVICTION OVER 2 YEARS LATER.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: