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September 30, 2025

BPC #25-237

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. 23-05-10643.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, the Board APPROVED the Department's report regarding the above-referenced matter.

Accordingly, this report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Munoz".

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewed: 23-237

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September 8, 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. 23-05-10643

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 a \$50,000.00 reward be awarded to the Claimant for assisting with a fatal hit and run case DR No. 23-05-10643. The claimant provided information on the suspect and whereabouts of the suspect's vehicle. The information provided directly led to the arrest and conviction of the hit and run driver Rachel Fiorentino-Gutierrez, who was convicted to 24 years in state prison. Attached are the applications for the reward.

On July 3, 2023, at approximately 2108 hours, a fatal hit and run traffic collision occurred on Fries Avenue just north of G Street in the City of Los Angeles. The victim, Juan Jose Areyan, was standing in the two-way turn lane of Fries Street, lighting fireworks. A vehicle traveling northbound on Fries Avenue at a high rate of speed, ran a stop sign, drove down the center of the street in the two-way left turn lane and struck victim Areyan. The force of the impact caused victim Areyan to be thrown 121 feet north on Fries Avenue, where he landed underneath the front end of a vehicle exiting a nearby Food 4 Less grocery store. The suspect vehicle continued northbound Fries Avenue making a right, eastbound turn on to Anaheim Street, failing to stop and render aid which is required by California law. The Los Angeles Fire Department responded to the scene and pronounced victim Areyan deceased.

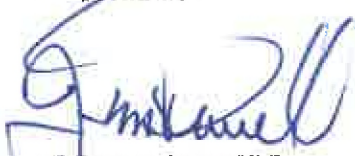
On July 11, 2023, the claimant walked into to the Los Angeles Police Department, South Traffic Division and provided information on the location of the abandoned suspect vehicle. Detectives followed up on the information and were able to locate the suspect vehicle abandoned behind a grocery store, miles away from the crime location. This information did not only lead to the location of the vehicle, but it assisted Detectives in the collection of critical biological evidence and surveillance footage showing the suspect abandoning the vehicle and fleeing the scene. Detectives were able to build a case and arrest the suspect driver who eventually provided Detectives with a full confession.

On December 12, 2023, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office filed one count 187 (a) PC Murder, one count 20001 (A) VC- Felony Hit and Run and one count 23152 (C) VC- Driving while addicted to a drug. On April 15, 2024, suspect Rachel Fiorentino-Gutierrez was sentenced to 24 years in state prison.

It is the opinion of the investigating detective and the Deputy 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 Captain Yvonne Ortiz, Serial No. 31072, Traffic Coordination Division, at (213) 486-0680.

Respectfully,


JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *September 23, 2025*
Secretary *Rebecca Munoz*

Attachments

**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 2305 10643

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER

REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 4, 2023

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
(Div/Section)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____

Investigator(s) Assigned: DET. MICHAEL FLANNERY
SERIAL NO. 36629
(Name and Serial No.)

Telephone: (323) 421-2500

Telephone: () _____

The above claimant is ☒ ELIGIBLE ☐ NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment of a reward pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 18, Chapter 12, Sections 18.120 through 18.128.4.

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 [Signature]

RANK/TITLE DETECTIVE III

Attachment #2

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: Last, First, Middle		
2. ADDRESS: (Street) Daytime Phone & Contact Person	(City)	(State - Zip)
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: <u>JULY 3 2023</u>	8. TIME OF INCIDENT: <u>9:05</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> NOON <input type="checkbox"/> MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: <u>FRIES AVE N/O G STREET</u>		
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: <u>FATAL HIT AND RUN</u>		
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:		
12. <u>X</u>	13. <u>X</u>	
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)	

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

INVESTIGATING OFFICER:	Name <u>DET. FLANNERY</u>	Serial # <u>36629</u> Agency <u>LAPD</u>
	Phone # <u>323-421-2500</u>	
NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: <u>JUAN AREYAN CASE# 230510643</u>		

RECOMMENDATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL	INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION	

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: