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October 28, 2025

BPC #25-296

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. 2303-13540.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, October 28, 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 cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

Reviewed:

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**INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

DS

Executive Director

10/23/25

Date

October 6, 2025

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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**RECEIVED**

**FROM:** Chief of Police

OCT 22 2025

**POLICE COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT:** PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER FOR DR NO. 2303-13540

**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 July 13, 2023, at approximately 9:35 p.m., the suspect was driving a red Hyundai Accent registered to a friend when she struck two pedestrians, a grandfather and his grandson, in the roadway. After crashing into the pedestrians, the suspect fled the scene in the vehicle without making an attempt to render aid to either victim. Both victims were transported to the hospital. One victim died and the other suffered severe injuries.

Surveillance footage from after the accident was obtained and witness descriptions of the vehicle were received but no additional information was available to assist investigators with identifying the suspect vehicle or the driver.

On July 15, 2023, the claimant contacted South Traffic Detectives telephonically and provided information not previously known about the suspect and the vehicle. The claimant provided detectives with the identity of the driver at the time of the crash and the identity of the registered owner of the outstanding suspect vehicle. The claimant continued to provide useful information including social media and associated information for the driver.

Utilizing the information provided by the claimant, officers were able to locate the involved vehicle and impound it. An interview with the registered owner was conducted and invaluable information was obtained, including statements, photographs and text messages that assisted investigators with the investigation.

The claimant was cooperative during follow up calls throughout the investigation. On February 5, 2024, the suspect was arrested and booked for 20001 (A) California Vehicle Code (CVC), Hit and Run Causing Death. And on February 26, 2024, Deputy District Attorney Allyson Kimmel filed 2-counts, 20001 (B)(2) CVC – Felony Hit and Run, Case No. 24CJCF01277. An additional charge of 191.5(A) California Penal Code (PC) – Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated was later added. On May 22, 2025, the suspect was convicted of one count of 191.5(A) PC – Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated.

On August 20, 2025, the suspect was sentenced to four years state prison with a strike for a violent felony. It is the opinion of the handling prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Jacob Lee, that a conviction would not have been possible without the information provided by the claimant.

It is the opinion of the assisting 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 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 in the attached "Application for Special Reward Payment."

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Captain Yvonne Ortiz, Traffic Coordination Division, at (213) 486-0680.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL  
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
Approved  
Secretary

Attachments

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, [REDACTED] First, [REDACTED] Middle, [REDACTED]

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

3. TODAY'S DATE: JULY 8, 2025

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: 07/13/2023

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 9:35  AM  PM  
 NOON  MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: SANTA ROSALIA DR / WEST AVE

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: FATAL HIT AND RUN

9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: VEH DRIVING SOUTHBOUND, STRUCK TWO PEDESTRIANS AND FLED IN THE VEHICLE. ONE PEDESTRIAN DIED FROM INJURIES.

12. X [REDACTED] APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name DET. MIKEY GERTHEIM Serial # 37631 Agency LAPD/NORTHEAST  
Phone # (213) 713-9579

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT  INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED:  Yes  No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

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.  
One checklist must be submitted for each claimant.

COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY FILE NUMBER DR# 23-03-13540  
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION FATAL HIT + RUN REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000  
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ REWARD EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT:  YES  NO (Check one) DATE RECEIVED: 7/8/2025  
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 OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Div/Section)  
Investigator(s) Assigned: DET. GEITHEIM Telephone: (213) 713-9579  
(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 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 obtaining 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 GEITHEIM RANK/TITLE DETECTIVE II

Attachment #2