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June 3, 2026

BPC #26-144

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: PAYMENT ON FATAL HIT-AND-RUN REWARD OFFER – DR NO. 2101-04642

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 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

  
REBECCA MUNOZ

Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DS 5/27/26  
26-144

May 11, 2026

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**TO:** Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** PAYMENT OF REWARD OFFER FOR DR NO. 2101-04642

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners REVIEW and APPROVE the attached application for the 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**

It is requested that a \$50,000.00 reward be awarded to the Claimant for a fatal hit-and-run investigation, DR No. 2101-04642. Based on the information received by the Claimant the suspect, Ronald Earl Kenebrew, was positively identified as the felony-hit-and-run driver and was subsequently arrested and convicted on June 4, 2025.

On January 16, 2021, at approximately 7:55 a.m., the victim, Brandon Finley was riding his bicycle on 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Olive Street when a truck struck him, launched him into the air, and came to rest in the middle of the street. The driver of the truck fled the scene without stopping to render aid and identify themselves. The Los Angeles Fire Department responded to the scene and declared the victim deceased.

At approximately 8:00 a.m., the driver of the suspected truck was involved in a second traffic collision at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Towne Street, rendering the truck disabled. The driver fled the scene on foot. Newton Patrol Division officers responded to scene and established a crime scene.

While officers were managing the crime scene at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Towne Street, the Claimant approached officers and told them that he witnessed the collision, observed the driver exit the vehicle, flee on foot, and saw where the driver discarded a hooded sweater. The Claimant directed the officers to the location of the sweater where it was recovered. The driver was not located.

Detective Juan Campos, Serial No. 31480, was the Investigative Officer (I/O) and responded to both scenes. The investigation revealed the driver had carjacked the truck, minutes before the first collision. The driver's sweater was packaged to be processed by the Technical Investigation Division (TID) Serology Unit.

Video footage was recovered from both crime scenes. The video footage captured both collisions, including the driver fleeing the scene. Detective Campos released the video footage to the news media outlets and social media platforms to assist in identifying the driver. The release of the video footage did not result in an identification of the driver.

On April 26, 2021, the Serology Unit was able to obtain a DNA profile from the sweater and submitted the profile to CODIS.

On May 11, 2021, the California Department of Justice, notified Detective Campos that there was a CODIS hit on the DNA profile. The hit came back to a Ronald Earl Kenebrew, CII No. A25013352.

Using Department resources, Detective Campos discovered that Ronald Earl Kenebrew was in custody at the Los Angeles County Jail. Detective Campos met and interviewed Mr. Kenebrew at the jail.

During the interview, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed the following counts against Kenebrew:

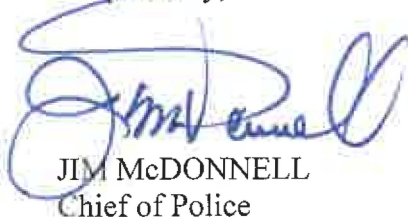
- 1-count 187(a) Murder First Degree,
- 1-count 215(a) Carjacking of the California Penal Code
- 1-count 20001(b)(2) Felony Hit-and-Run, and
- 1-count 20002(a) Hit-and-Run of the California Vehicle Code. DA Case No. BA495585.

On June 4, 2025, Kenebrew was convicted for 187(a) Murder First Degree and 215(a) Carjacking of the California Penal Code and was sentenced to 33 years to life imprisonment. It is the opinion of the handling prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Heather Brel, that a conviction would not have been possible without the cooperation of the claimant.

It is the opinion of the I/O that the Claimant qualifies for the \$50,000.00 reward. The information provided by the claimant led to the identification, apprehension, and the conviction of Ronald Earl Kenebrew. Based on these facts, it is requested that the reward funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 be paid to the Claimant.

Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Celina Robles, Central Traffic Division, at (213) 833-3744.

Respectfully,



JIM McDONNELL  
Chief of Police

**BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
Approved *June 21, 2026*  
Secretary *Rebecca Munoz*

Attachment

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION  
ORIG - LAPD  
DUPE - City Clerk  
DUPE - Claimant

MAIL TO: TRAFFIC COORDINATION SECTION,

100 S. GARDEN ST.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
213.480.1000

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) Los Angeles (State - Zip) 91731  
Daytime Phone & Contact Person [REDACTED]

3. TODAY'S DATE: 06/04/2021

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)

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: 01/16/2021

8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 0755  AM  PM  
 NOON  MIDNIGHT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 7th St and Olive St & 7th St and Towne Ave

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Fatal Hit and Run & Misd Hit and Run

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Susp collided into a bicyclist killing him. Susp became involved in a 2nd collision & the veh became disable. The susp fled on foot & discarded his clothing. I directed Ofcrs to clothes.

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 Det-II Campos, J Serial # 31480 Agency LAPD-CTD  
Phone # (213)486-0755

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: Branden Finley DR #21-0104642

RECOMMENDATION:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT  INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED:  Yes  No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:  
[REDACTED] WAS A CRUCIAL WITNESS WHO DIRECTED OFCRS TO A SWEATER THE SUSP DISCARDED THAT HAD THE SUSP'S DNA. W/O THAT SWEATER, THE SUSP WOULD OF NEVER BEEN IDENTIFIED.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: *John Campos # 31480*

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
REWARD CLAIM CHECKLIST

This form must be submitted with the Department's recommendation concerning payment of the reward.  
The checklist must be submitted for each claimant.

COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 21-0104642 / 21-1304692  
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: DATA HIT RUN REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00  
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: 1-16-2021 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: ~~1-16~~ NO STATUTE  
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT:  YES  NO  
(Check one) DATE RECEIVED: 1-16-2021  
CLAIMANT: \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).  
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD CENTRAL TRAFFIC OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Div/Section)  
Investigator(s) Assigned: DET CAMPOS JUAN 31480 Telephone: (80) 486-5995  
(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:

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

APPROVED BY Juan Campos RANK/TITLE: DETECTIVE - II