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July 1, 2026

BPC #26-179

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 – VALLEY TRAFFIC DIVISION

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 30, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Munoz".

REBECCA MUNOZ
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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May 29, 2026
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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD FOR RMS NO. 25182721

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners REVIEW and APPROVE the attached Applications for Special Reward Payment.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council the Applications for Special Reward Payment for review and approval.

DISCUSSION

It is requested that a \$50,000.00 reward be awarded to the Claimants for a Felony-Hit-and-Run investigation, RMS No. 25182721. Based on the information received from the Claimants, the suspect, Daniel Casillas, was positively identified as the Felony-Hit-and-Run driver and was subsequently convicted on April 6, 2026. Attached are the Applications for Special Reward Payment.

On September 28, 2025, around 9:35 P.M., a Gray Honda Accord was traveling northbound on Woodman Avenue at a high rate of speed and collided with the rear of a motorized scooter near Strathern Street. The driver of the Gray Honda Accord fled the scene, failed to render aid to the scooter operator as required by law, and failed to identify themselves.

The claimants identified the Gray Honda Accord, which matched the description provided in a Los Angeles Police Department news release community alert. They promptly notified Crime Stoppers and called 911 to alert the authorities. Police officers responded to the scene and later met with Party No. 1, Daniel Casillas, who admitted to driving the Gray Honda Accord. Detective personnel then met with Party No. 1, Daniel Casillas, at the Los Angeles Police Department's Van Nuys Jail and collected detailed statements regarding the incident. A confession was obtained, and Daniel Casillas was subsequently arrested and charged with 20001(A)(1) VC, Felony Hit-and-Run involving injury or death.

The claimants played a crucial role in the investigation by notifying Crime Stoppers and calling 911 upon observing the parked vehicle. Without their actions, the arrest may not have occurred. Additionally, the claimants have shown full cooperation throughout the investigation process.

The case was filed with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and charges were brought against Daniel Casillas for violating 20001(B)(2) of the Vehicle Code. During the court hearing held on April 6, 2026, Casillas was convicted. He was subsequently sentenced to 11 years in prison.

It is the opinion of the investigating detective that the claimants qualify for the \$50,000.00 reward. The information provided by the claimants led to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of Daniel Casillas. Based on these facts, the \$50,000.00 reward funds should be paid to the claimants listed on the attached Application for Special Reward Payment.

If you require further information, contact Captain Johnny Smith, Commanding Officer, Valley Traffic Division, at (818) 644-8030.

Respectfully,


JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

Attachments

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *June 30, 2026*
Secretary *Rebecca Munoz*



COMMUNITY ALERT

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE VALLEY TRAFFIC DIVISION CRIME ANALYSIS DETAIL



\$50,000 REWARD Hit & Run Fatal Traffic Collision

MO: On September 29, 2025, around 9:35 p.m., a motorized scooter was traveling northbound Woodman Avenue at Strathern Street in the #3 lane. A Gray Honda Accord heading northbound on Woodman Avenue driving in #3 lane collided with the motorized scooter. The impact caused the rider to be ejected and collided with the roadway. Following the first collision, a second vehicle, White Kia Spectra collided with the motorized scooter proceeding northbound Woodman Avenue. The driver in the second collision is cooperating with the investigation. Detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspects and any witnesses to this traffic collision.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	RD	RMS#
09/28/2025	21:35	Woodman Ave / Strathern Street	1999	25182721

Vehicle No.1: Gray Honda Accord

Missing Front Right Passenger door mirror



Vehicle: 2018 – 2022 Gray Honda Accord 4-Door, Front right passenger door mirror missing, and front right damage visible.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call Valley Traffic Officer Ramirez, Serial No. 40604, at 818-644-8025, or Officer Reyes # 40119 at 818-644-8114. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should contact the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477)** or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may also visit www.lapdonline.org, and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the "Get Involved- Crime Stoppers" menu to submit an online tip. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the LA Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program. Independent of any City or other reward offers, anonymous tipsters using the LA Crime Stoppers program may be eligible for up-to a \$1,000 cash reward based on arrest only (no conviction required).



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

P3 Tips Mobile App

www.LACrimeStoppers.org

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

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OCT 16 2025
VALLEY TRAFFIC DIV

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) (City) (State - Zip)
Daytime Phone & Contact Person
3. TODAY'S DATE: 9/30/2025
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: 9/28/25
8. TIME OF INCIDENT: Approx 9:30 AM ☒ PM
☐ NOON ☐ MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Woodman / Strathern
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit and Run with Fatality
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: After fleeing the scene of the crime, suspect parked his car in front of my house, I called LAPD and they apprehended the suspect.
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 Ramirez
Serial # 40604 Agency LAPD VTD
Phone # 818-644-8025

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE: Schombert, Gary

RECOMMENDATION: ☐ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL ☐ INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT ☐ INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION
INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

ON Sept-29, 2025 Tipster provided valuable information on suspect vehicle and its location through crime stoppers. Officers later identified and arrested the suspect.

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: _____

DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER 25182721

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION FATAL HIT & RUN

REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2026

REWARD EXPIRATION DATE _____

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

DATE RECEIVED: 10/16/25

CLAIMANT: "Claimant A", "Claimant B"

CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION HR

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

CASE INVEST BY: LAPD VTD / OCTS
(Division/Section)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____

Investigator(s) Assigned: DET. RAMIREZ 48604

Telephone: 818 644-8025

Telephone: _____

(Name and Serial No.)

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 is a dependent of a City Officer employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement.
- ☐ Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward.
- ☐ The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant.
- ☐ The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect.

- ☐ 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 has provided continued cooperation with the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made.
- ☐ Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered.
- ☐ Other: _____

Explanation: _____

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APPROVED BY _____

RANK/TITLE _____

Attachment #2

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG - LAPD
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] Ca [REDACTED]
3. TODAY'S DATE: 4/06/26	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)

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7. DATE OF INCIDENT: 09/29/25	8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 9:30 ☐ AM ☒ PM ☐ NOON ☐ MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Woodman / Strathern	
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Hit & Run fatality	
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: After fleeing the scene of crime, suspect parked his car in front of house I called LAPD and police apprehended the suspect.	
12. X [REDACTED] APPLICANT SIGNATURE	13. X [REDACTED] PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Ramirez Serial # 4064 Agency LAPD VTD
Phone # 916-644-8025

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:

Schombert, Gary

RECOMMENDATION: ☐ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL ☐ INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT ☐ INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION
INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
REWARD CLAIM CHECKLIST**

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COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: _____ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 25182721

TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Fatal Hit & Run REWARD AMOUNT: \$ 50,000

REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2026 REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: _____

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

DATE RECEIVED: 10/16/25

CLAIMANT: "Claimant A," "Claimant B" CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: _____
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).

CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD VTD / Dets OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)

Investigator(s) Assigned: Det. Ramirez Telephone: (818) 644-8025
(Name and Serial No.) Telephone: () _____

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| ☐ The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant. | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect. | |

Explanation:

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APPROVED BY _____ RANK/TITLE _____



Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California

News Release

September 29, 2025

NOTE: VIDEO AVAILABLE

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Fatal Hit-and-Run leaves Scooter Driver Dead

Panorama City: The Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic Detectives (VTD) are investigating a fatal hit-and-run traffic collision that killed a man in his early 30's.

On September 28, 2025, around 9:35 p.m., a motorized scooter was traveling northbound Woodman Avenue at Strathern Street when a gray Honda Sedan also heading northbound collided with the motorized scooter. The impact caused the rider to be ejected and he collided with the roadway along the curb. The hit and run driver continued driving northbound Woodman Ave without stopping to ID self or render aid as required by law.

The Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced a male scooter driver dead at scene. He was a Male, Hispanic, in his early 30's. His name is being withheld pending identification and notification of next of kin by the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office.

VTD Detectives are urging the public to come forward with information regarding this fatal hit and run. If you witnessed the collision, please contact VTD Detectives.

Motorists are reminded that if they become involved in a collision, they should pull over and stop as soon as it is safe to do so, notify emergency services, and remain at the scene to identify themselves.

On April 15, 2015, the City Council amended the Los Angeles Administrative Code and created a Hit-and-Run Reward Program Trust Fund. A reward of up to \$50,000 is available to community members that provide information leading to the offender's identification, apprehension, and conviction or resolution through a civil compromise.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact Valley Traffic Division, Investigator Ramirez at (818) 644-8025 or Reyes (818) 644-8114 During non-business hours, or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may also visit www.lapdonline.org, and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the Get Involved-Crime Stoppers" menu to submit an online tip. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program.

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