

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**December 11, 2018**

**Extend the Reward Offer in the Murder of Kejon (Wayne) Atkins**

On July 23, 2015, at approximately 11:25 a.m., 22-year-old Kejon (Wayne) Atkins was walking along the 1800 block of east 126<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Wilmington Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook. A gold or silver 4-door sedan, heading eastbound on 126<sup>th</sup> Street, crossed into the westbound lanes and stopped near the north sidewalk where Mr. Atkins was walking. From the left rear window of the sedan, an African American male was observed firing multiple gunshots toward Mr. Atkins, who was struck by the barrage.

Mr. Atkins was transported to Saint Francis Memorial Hospital in Lynwood, where he was treated but ultimately succumbed to his injuries on July 27, 2015, at approximately 2:22 p.m.

The main suspect in this incident is described as an African American man in his late teens to early 20's, reportedly with several tattoos on his shirtless back. There were two or three African American men of approximately the same age inside the vehicle.

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They were last seen driving southbound on Wilmington Avenue and then westbound on El Segundo Boulevard.

Surveillance cameras at the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Wilmington Avenue captured images of the suspects' vehicle as well as a possible follow vehicle, which is described as a two-tone, maroon/gray, sport utility vehicle, possibly a Pontiac Aztec.

Mr. Atkins was an aspiring student and football player. He recently attended Long Beach City College where he played football. Mr. Atkins was intending to re-enroll in the upcoming semester to continue his education and football activities. The shock and senselessness of this tragedy has left his family devastated.

On April 26, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) initially approved a reward offer in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of person(s) responsible for the death of Mr. Atkins. This reward offer was extended by the Board on July 19, 2016, January 17, 2017, July 18, 2017, January 9, 2018, and July 10, 2018. It will expire on January 10, 2019 unless it is extended. The law enforcement agency investigating this case recommends that this reward be extended to help solve the crime.

### **I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Extend the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the persons responsible for the death of 22-year-old Kejon (Wayne) Atkins, who was shot and killed as he walked

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along the 1800 block of east 126th Street, west of Wilmington Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook, on July 23, 2015, at approximately 11:25 a.m.

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