

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

July 27, 2021

Extend the Reward Offer in the Murder of Erin Lavender and Dalelaja Hearn

On Sunday, December 15, 2019 at approximately 8:50 p.m., 19-year-old Erin Lavender and 17-year-old Dalelaja Hearn were struck by gunfire on the 20300 block of Alvo Avenue in the city of Carson. Ms. Lavender and Ms. Hearn were seated in a parked vehicle, which was facing northbound, when an unknown suspect(s) began firing at their vehicle. Ms. Lavender and Ms. Hearn were both struck by gunfire several times in the upper torso area, and both succumbed to their injuries at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Ms. Lavender was only 19 years old and was attending college. Ms. Hearn was only 17 years old and was still in high school. Both Ms. Lavender’s and Ms. Hearn’s families are devastated by their losses.

Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff’s Department investigators believed a reward would bring attention to the case and encourage witnesses that might have seen and/or know the identity of the suspect(s) to come forward. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) established a \$10,000 reward on January 7, 2020. This reward was re-established on April 14, 2020 and August 4, 2020; and was extended on October 27, 2020 and May 4, 2021. The current reward will expire on August 1, 2021 and needs to be extended. Extending the County’s reward offer will encourage the public to assist investigators with identifying the suspect(s) and bring justice to the victims and their families.

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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 conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of 19-year-old Erin Lavender and 17-year-old Dalelaja Hearn, who were shot and killed on the 20300 block of Alvo Avenue in the city of Carson on December 15, 2019 at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Contact: Lieutenant Brandon Dean - or - Crime Stoppers
 Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (800) 222-8477
 Homicide Bureau
 (323) 890-5564

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