

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

**March 1, 2022**

**Re-establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Felix Valverde**

On August 17, 2019, at approximately 1:03 a.m., Felix Valverde was attending a birthday party at 9014 Compton Avenue in the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone when he was shot and ultimately died from his injury. Video surveillance recordings revealed that a Kia Soul (which color is difficult to identify but appears to be neon green) with three male occupants, who appear to be Hispanic, travelled west on 91st Street before parking on Compton Avenue. Two of the vehicle’s occupants exited the Kia Soul and headed north on foot via an alley located at the rear of an apartment complex at 9014 Compton Avenue where a party was in progress. The area in which the apartment complex is located is the site of multiple shootings and currently under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD).

One of the two suspects fired into the party, striking Mr. Valverde. Additionally, another person was struck by the gunfire but survived. The two male suspects ran south through the alley and entered the Kia Soul which fled north on Compton Avenue and out of view. Mr. Valverde was transported by his brother to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Mr. Valverde is survived by his mother, two sisters, and a brother, whom he financially supported with his construction demolition job.

LASD Homicide investigators believe additional witnesses may have seen the crime occur and/or the suspects’ vehicle fleeing the area. Additionally, because of the uniqueness of the suspects’ vehicle and through information developed from alternative

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sources, investigators believe one or more persons have knowledge of this crime and can identify the parties and vehicle involved. Anyone with information about the senseless murder of Felix Valverde is urged to contact LASD Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers. The Board of Supervisors (Board) established this reward on July 21, 2020; extended it on April 6, 2021; and re-established it on October 19, 2021. This reward expired on January 16, 2022 and needs to be re-established. Detectives investigating the case recommend that the Board extend this reward to help solve the crime and bring closure to Mr. Valverde's family and loved ones.

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

Re-establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the heinous murder of Felix Valverde, who was shot and killed on August 17, 2019, at approximately 1:03 a.m., while attending a party at 9014 Compton Avenue in the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone.

Contact:      Sergeant Robert Gray                      - or -                      Crime Stoppers  
                    Los Angeles Sheriff's Department                      (800) 222-8477  
                    Homicide Bureau  
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