

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

March 15, 2022

**Extend and Increase the Reward Offer in the Disappearance and Death of Mitrice Richardson**

Shortly after midnight on September 17, 2009, Mitrice Richardson was released from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Lost Hills Substation in Agoura after a brief detention. Several hours later, Ms. Richardson, a 24-year-old, five-foot, five-inch, African American woman wearing jeans and a dark colored T-shirt, was last seen by a resident approximately five miles away in the Monte Nido neighborhood.

Ms. Richardson's disappearance prompted massive ground and air searches. The searches were conducted by members of LASD and the Los Angeles Police Department, aided by trained volunteers. On September 29, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward offer. This reward was extended on December 15, 2009 and expired on June 26, 2010. It was re-established on July 13, 2010 and December 21, 2021. This reward is due to expire on March 20, 2022 and needs to be extended. In addition, several local municipalities, including the cities of Malibu and Calabasas maintain active reward offers totaling \$20,000 for information about the person or persons responsible for Ms. Richardson's disappearance.

On August 9, 2010, almost a year after Ms. Richardson's disappearance, local rangers discovered her remains in Dark Canyon, a remote location east of the Monte Nido neighborhood where she was last seen alive. While the Department of Medical Examiner –

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Coroner was able to identify Ms. Richardson's remains by dental comparison, they were unable to determine the cause or manner of death.

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

Given the particularly heinous nature of the crime, extend and increase the offer of a reward in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the suspicious disappearance and death of Mitrice Richardson.

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