

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

**May 17, 2022**

**Re-establish 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 Board of Supervisors established a \$10,000 reward on January 7, 2020. This reward was re-established on April 14, 2020, August 4, 2020, and February 8, 2022; and was extended on October 27, 2020, May 4, 2021, and July 27, 2021. The current reward expired on May 8, 2022 and needs to be re-established. Re-establishing 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:**

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(s) responsible for the heinous 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  
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