

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

May 17, 2022

Extend the Reward Offer in the Murder of Otis Rayjon Williams

On Friday, July 3, 2020, at approximately 8:30 p.m., 14-year-old Otis Rayjon Williams was struck by gunfire in an alley between East 98th Street and East 99th Street, east of Central Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone. Otis was walking alone towards a neighborhood market, southbound on Central Avenue and had turned east onto 98th Street, when a blue Dodge Challenger approached westbound on 98th Street. Otis turned south into the alley between East 98th Street and East 99th Street. The driver of the Dodge Challenger stopped at the opening of the alley and fired several gunshots from a handgun before fleeing northbound on Central Avenue from East 98th Street. Otis was struck by the gunfire and succumbed to his injuries at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Otis was an eighth-grade student at King Drew Middle School who loved to play basketball and video games with his friends. He had just celebrated his 14th birthday at the time of his death, and his family is devastated by the loss.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) detectives believe there are witnesses in the neighborhood who may have seen the suspect(s) leave the area or know their identities. The Board of Supervisors established this reward on August 4, 2020; extended it on October 27, 2020; and re-established it on July 13, 2021 and March 1, 2022. This reward is due to expire on May 29, 2022 and needs to be extended. Any individuals with information about this senseless crime are urged to contact LASD’s Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Extend the offer of a reward in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous

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