

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

May 17, 2022

Re-establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Estephan Hernandez

On Thursday, September 28, 2017, at approximately 9:32 p.m., 21-year-old Estephan Hernandez and a friend were sitting in his Ford Mustang vehicle, which was parked on the 1100 block of East 148th Street in the city of Compton. A black four-door sedan drove westbound on 148th Street, and gunshots were fired from the sedan into Estephan’s vehicle. The sedan then fled westbound away from the scene. Estephan’s friend sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot wound, and Estephan was mortally wounded.

At the time of his murder, Estephan was attending California State University, Long Beach, where he was an honor student pursuing a degree in Sociology. In addition, he was a member of a Men’s Success Initiative program that focused on mentoring Black and Latino students in their studies. Estephan was expected to graduate in April of 2018 and hoped to pursue a career as a social worker. His family, who has been helpful during the investigation and remains in contact with the investigators, is devastated by the loss.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) detectives believe that there are witnesses in the neighborhood that may have seen the suspects leave the area or know of their identities. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact LASD’s Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

On January 30, 2018 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a \$10,000 reward in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Estephan. The reward was re-established on July 23, 2019, April 28, 2020, August 4, 2020 and February 8, 2022;

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and was extended on October 15, 2019, October 27, 2020, May 4, 2021 and July 27, 2021. This reward expired on May 8, 2022 and needs to be re-established. To date, investigators have received no viable clues regarding this tragedy. Detectives investigating the case recommend that the Board re-establish this reward to help solve the crime and bring closure to Estephan'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 persons responsible for the heinous death of 21-year-old Estephan Hernandez, who was shot and killed on September 28, 2017, at approximately 9:32 p.m., while sitting in his car that was parked on the 1100 block of East 148th Street in the city of Compton.

Contact: Lieutenant Brandon Dean - or - Crime Stoppers
Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (800) 222-8477
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(323) 890-5500

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