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October 27, 2015

Establish Reward Offer in the Murder of Mr. Tramel Kerl

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, at approximately 1:30 a.m., 39 year-old Tramel Kerl was shot and killed inside his car near the southeast corner of Budlong Avenue and 99th Street in the unincorporated area of Athens. Mr. Kerl was dropping off a friend when two male suspects approached his vehicle, and without dispute or explanation, the suspects suddenly opened fire, fatally wounding Mr. Kerl.

The suspects were initially seen walking eastbound on the north sidewalk of 99th Street. After the shooting, the assailants fled northbound on Budlong Avenue and out of view. The suspects are described as being African American males in their mid-20's. One of the suspects is described as heavysset, wearing a red hoodie and a large gold chain around his neck. The second suspect is described as being tall with a slim to medium build.

Mr. Kerl is survived by his wife and two sons, ages 5 and 14 years-old. He was the primary caregiver for the couple's youngest son while his wife worked as a registered nurse. Mr. Kerl was a family man and an accomplished fisherman.

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) detectives believe that there are witnesses in the neighborhood that may have seen the assailants leave the area or may know the identities of these individuals. Any persons with information about this senseless crime are urged to contact LASD's Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers. Detectives believe a reward offer would aid in solving this crime, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to Tramel Kerl's family and friends.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the persons responsible for the murder of Mr. Tramel Kerl who was shot and killed on Saturday, February 21, 2015 near the southeast corner of Budlong Avenue and 99th Street in the unincorporated area of Athens.

Contact: Detective Timothy O'Quinn
Detective Judith Luera
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Bureau
(323) 890-5500

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477

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