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February 2, 2016

Establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Marquise Lawrence

On Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at approximately 5:00 p.m., 26-year-old Marquise Lawrence was driving his vehicle eastbound on Willowbrook Avenue near Johnson Street in the City of Compton when gunshots were fired in his direction. Mr. Lawrence was hit by a bullet and his vehicle collided into a concrete barrier which separated the street from the Metro Blue Line train tracks. Mr. Lawrence was transported to Saint Francis Medical Center where he died from his injuries.

The suspect is described as a heavy-set African America man in his 20's, with a two-to-three-inch afro hairstyle. The suspect fled the scene in a 1990's blue Chevy Suburban, last seen heading west on Johnson Street and then north on Acacia Avenue in the City of Compton.

Marquise Lawrence was known to the community as a hard-working, kind-hearted individual and devoted father. At the time of his untimely death, Mr. Lawrence was enrolled in college, taking classes in fire science and working two jobs to support his family. He is survived by his girlfriend and seven-month-old daughter. The shock and senselessness of this tragedy has left his family devastated.

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) detectives believe that there are witnesses in the neighborhood that may have seen the suspect leave the area. 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:**

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 person responsible for the death of 26-year-old Marquise Lawrence, who was shot while inside his car near the corner of Willowbrook Avenue and Johnson Street in the City of Compton on March 18, 2015, at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Sergeant Guillermo Morales  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
Homicide Bureau  
(323) 890-5500

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Crime Stoppers  
(800) 222-8477

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