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February 16, 2016

Establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Wendell Lee

On Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at approximately 1:30 a.m., 25-year-old Wendell Lee was shot multiple times on the 12000 block of South Elva Avenue in the City of Los Angeles. A compact silver-colored SUV stopped on Elva Avenue just north of 123rd Street when an assailant exited the vehicle and fired numerous rounds. As Mr. Lee attempted to flee, he was struck by gunfire and collapsed in a driveway on Elva Avenue. The Los Angeles County Fire Department transported Mr. Lee to the emergency room at Saint Francis Medical Center in the City of Lynwood, where he was treated but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

The suspect is described as an African American man between the ages of 20-28 years old and is approximately 5'9" - 5'10" tall. A witness informed deputies there were at least two other passengers inside the suspect(s) vehicle. The suspect(s) were last seen driving south on Elva Avenue.

Mr. Lee was raised in the Gardena area and was an avid basketball player. After graduating from George Washington Preparatory High School, he attended El Camino College before transferring to Colorado State University at Pueblo where he played basketball on a full scholarship.

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Mr. Lee graduated from Colorado State University in 2015, and aspired to become a professional basketball player. He was visiting the Los Angeles area for the purpose of attending a try-out for the Los Angeles Lakers' D-League team. The shock and senselessness of this tragedy has left his family and community members devastated.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) detectives are requesting that a reward be offered in this case to stimulate communication in the neighborhood and to prompt witnesses to come forward. 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(s) responsible for the death of 25-year-old Wendell Lee on September 22, 2015 at approximately 1:30 a.m. on the 12000 block of South Elva Avenue in the City of Los Angeles.

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

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477

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