

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

April 28, 2020

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 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

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was reestablished on July 23, 2019 and extended on October 15, 2019. This reward expired on April 14, 2020 and needs to be re-established by the Board. To date, investigators have received no viable clues regarding this tragedy. Detectives investigating the case recommend that the Board extend 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 \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the persons responsible for the 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 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
 Homicide Bureau
 (323) 890-5500

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