

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

December 19, 2023

Re-establish the Reward Offer in the Disappearance and Death of Mitrice Richardson

Shortly after midnight on September 17, 2009, Mitrice Richardson was released from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s (LASD) Lost Hills Substation in Agoura after a brief detention. Several hours later, Ms. Richardson, a 24-year-old, five-foot, five-inch, African American woman wearing jeans and a dark colored T-shirt, was last seen by a resident approximately five miles away in the Monte Nido neighborhood.

Ms. Richardson's disappearance prompted massive ground and air searches. The searches were conducted by members of LASD and the Los Angeles Police Department, aided by trained volunteers.

On August 9, 2010, almost a year after Ms. Richardson’s disappearance, local rangers discovered her remains in Dark Canyon, a remote location east of the Monte Nido neighborhood where she was last seen alive. While the Department of Medical Examiner – Coroner was able to identify Ms. Richardson’s remains by dental comparison, they were unable to determine the cause or manner of death.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established a reward of \$10,000 on September 29, 2009; extended it on December 15, 2009; re-established it on July 13, 2010, December 21, 2021, and July 25, 2023; and extended and increased it from \$10,000 to \$20,000 on March 15, 2022. The reward expired on October 22, 2023, and LASD

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investigators recommend that it be re-established. In addition, several local municipalities, including the cities of Malibu and Calabasas maintain active reward offers totaling \$20,000 for information about the person or persons responsible for Ms. Richardson's disappearance.

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 person(s) responsible for the suspicious disappearance and heinous death of Mitrice Richardson.

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