

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

April 9, 2024

Reestablish a Reward Offer in the Investigation of Murder Victims Cesar Rodriguez and Larry Villegas

On Sunday August 28, 2011, 19-year-old Cesar Rodriguez and 24-year-old Larry Villegas were standing in the driveway at the residence located at 11819 Painter Avenue in unincorporated Whittier when they were fatally shot. Both victims were lifelong residents of the area and victim Rodriguez was a Sheriff's Youth Explorer at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at the time of his death. Investigators believe the victims may have been mistaken for local gang members who had been at the location earlier in the night. Neither victim had any gang affiliation and were merely visiting friends at the time of the incident.

Investigators believe it would be beneficial to offer a reward, which may prompt reluctant witnesses to come forward and provide information to identify the individual(s) responsible for this crime. On May 17, 2022, the Board of supervisors approved and reestablished the reward. The reward expired on November 25, 2022 and was reestablished June 27, 2023. The reward expired on March 22, 2024, and investigators recommend reestablishing the reward.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors reestablish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$25,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the heinous murders of Cesar Rodriguez and Larry Villegas, on Sunday, August 28, 2011, at 11819 Painter Avenue in unincorporated Whittier.

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