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Reward Reestablishment in the Investigation of Murder Victim Deputy Juan

Escalante

Twenty-seven-year-old Sheriff’s Deputy Juan Escalante was shot and killed in front of his mother’s house in Cypress Park at approximately 5:40 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Deputy Escalante had been employed with the Sheriff’s Department for approximately two and a half years and was assigned to guard some of the most violent inmates housed in the County’s Men’s Central Jail. He was also a military veteran who had served in Iraq.

The reward offer was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 5, 2008, extended on October 14, 2008, expired on May 2, 2009, reestablished on March 19, 2024, and expired on June 16, 2024. Arrests have been made in this case, but investigators believe additional suspect(s) are outstanding. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is requesting the reward be re-established. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department Robbery Homicide Division, or Crime Stoppers.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors reestablish the \$20,000 reward previously offered for any information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous murder of Sheriff Deputy Juan Escalante, who was shot and killed in front of his mother's house in the Cypress Park area, on Saturday, August 2, 2008, at approximately 5:40 a.m.

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