

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

August 6, 2024

Reestablish a Reward Offer for the Murder of Huntington Park Police Officer Robert Keller

Officer Keller was dispatched to 6509 Pacific Blvd. in Huntington Park, a location doing business as the “Wonder Shop,” on October 5, 1967, to investigate a “silent” burglar alarm call. He confronted the armed burglary suspect inside the location. Officer Keller, who exchanged gunfire with the suspect, suffered gunshot wounds in the gun battle and succumbed to his injuries.

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) Homicide Bureau detectives, assisted by officers of the Huntington Park Police Department, conducted a rigorous and robust investigation at the time of the murder but were unable to identify the suspect. The case has remained unsolved and open with current LASD Homicide detectives assigned to the Unsolved Unit continuing to investigate the murder by utilizing the latest scientific methods and technologies.

LASD investigators believe a reward would bring attention to the case and encourage witnesses that might have seen and/or know the identity of the suspect(s) to come forward and provide information to identify the individual (s) responsible for this crime. The Board of Supervisors established the reward on April 18, 2023, and approved

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an extension on July 11, 2023. The reward expired again on January 12, 2023, and was reestablished by the Board of Supervisors from January 23, 2024 until April 21, 2024. Investigators recommend that the reward be reestablished to encourage witnesses that might have seen and/or know the identity of the suspect(s) to come forward.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors reestablish 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 heinous murder of Officer Robert Keller.

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Contact:
Lieutenant Joseph Purcell
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Bureau
(323) 890-5565

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Los Angeles Regional Crimestoppers Hotline
(800) 222-TIPS (8477)

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