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September 24, 2024

Re-establish and Increase the Reward Offer in the Murder of Corey Pickett

On the evening of Friday, July 12, 2019, 42-year-old Corey Pickett was visiting a friend's home on the south side of the 1000 block of West 94th Street in the unincorporated community of Westmont. While at the location, his brother arrived at the residence in a new Maserati. Mr. Pickett and his friend Reginald McFerren walked to the front of the residence to look at the new car, which was parked in a driveway, when a vehicle drove towards them on 94th Street from Budlong Avenue at approximately 11:35 p.m. The suspects' vehicle, described as a 4-door sedan, abruptly stopped east of the victims' location and two male African American suspects, possibly in their 20s, exited the front and rear passenger seats and without cause, fired approximately twenty rounds at the victims. Corey Pickett was struck approximately eight times and succumbed to his injuries at the scene. Reginald McFerren was struck once in the lower back and sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. The suspects re-entered the sedan and fled eastbound on 94th Street towards Vermont Avenue and out of view.

The murder of Corey Pickett was unprovoked. The victims and witness are not affiliated with any gangs, but the suspects are believed to be gang affiliated. Mr. Pickett is survived by his mother, brother, and adult daughter.

To date, investigators have received no viable clues or leads regarding this tragedy. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$10,000 reward offer

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on September 3, 2019 and extended it on November 26, 2019, May 26, 2020, November 24, 2020, May 18, 2021, and May 17, 2022; re-established it on November 30, 2021; and increased the reward amount to \$20,000 on March 1, 2022. The reward is expired and needs to be extended. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department detectives believe re-establishing the reward would stimulate communication within the area of the shooting and cause members of the community to come forward with information that would assist the detectives in identifying the suspects responsible for this heinous crime.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Re-establish and increase the offer of a reward from the amount of \$20,000 to \$25,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous murder of 42-year-old Corey Pickett, who tragically lost his life on July 12, 2019, at approximately 11:35 p.m. on the 1000 block of West 94th Street in the unincorporated community of Westmont.

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