

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

November 6, 2024

Re-establish and Increase the Reward Offer in the Vandalism and Theft of Metal at "Lincoln Cemetery"

On January 12, 2024, a volunteer from "Lincoln Cemetery," located on the 16700 block of South Central Avenue in the city of Carson, discovered that numerous bronze memorial markers and plaques had been stolen from the headstones and from the walls of the mausoleum in the Cemetery. A prominent bronze statue of President Abraham Lincoln that was dedicated in 1934 was damaged in an attempt to remove a plaque from the façade of the statue. Additionally, a large bronze plaque that was gifted and dedicated to the Cemetery in 1949 by former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Joe Louis, to commemorate and honor local veterans who died in combat had also been removed and stolen. The financial cost of the loss and damage is estimated to be over \$2,000,000. To date, no witnesses or suspect(s) have been identified to further this investigation.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Major Crimes investigators believe a reward would stimulate communication within the area and cause the community to come forward with information to assist investigators with identifying the suspect(s). This reward was established on February 27, 2024, and re-established on August 6, 2024. This reward has expired and needs to be re-established. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact LASD or Crime Stoppers.

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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 theft of metal and desecration of "Lincoln Cemetery," located on the 16700 block of South Central Avenue in the city of Carson, which occurred on or before January 12, 2024.

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Contact:

Lieutenant Vincent Ursini
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Major Crimes Bureau
562-946-7008

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477