

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

April 1, 2025

Establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Lanai Ariyana Dees

On Sunday, November 17, 2024, at approximately 12:40 a.m., 21-year-old Lanai Ariyana Dees, a sole occupant in a white Mercedes, was driving westbound in an alley between Wilton Place and Van Ness Avenue, south of Century Boulevard in the unincorporated area of West Athens, when a suspect in an unknown vehicle drove up next to her vehicle on the driver’s side. The suspect shot at the vehicle several times, striking Ms. Dees.

Ms. Dees sustained one gunshot wound to the head and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Investigators believe the shooting was gang-related, but Ms. Dees was not the intended target. Ms. Dees was employed and in college at the time of her death. She is survived by her mother, brother, and maternal grandparents.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department detectives believe establishing a reward will stimulate communication within the area of the shooting and cause members of the community to come forward with information that may assist the detectives in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for this crime.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of 21-year-old Lanai Ariyana Dees who was shot and killed on November 17, 2024, at

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approximately 12:40 a.m. in an alley between Wilton Place and Van Ness Avenue south of Century Blvd. in the unincorporated area of West Athens.

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Contact:

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Homicide Bureau
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