

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

March 17, 2026

**Reestablish and Increase 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, the 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 pulled alongside her on the driver’s side and fired multiple rounds, 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; however, Ms. Dees was not the intended target. At the time of her death, she was employed and attending college. She is survived by her mother, brother, and maternal grandparents.

Detectives with Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) believe that reestablishing 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 in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for this crime. The Board of Supervisors originally established this reward on April 1, 2025. It expired on July 1, 2025, and needs to be re-established. Any individuals with information about this senseless crime are urged to contact the LASD Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Re-establish and increase the reward offer from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible

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for the death of 21-year-old Lanai Ariyana Dees, who was shot and killed on November 17, 2024, at approximately 12:40 a.m. in an alley between Wilton Place and Van Ness Avenue, south of Century Boulevard, in the unincorporated area of West Athens.

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Contact:

Detective Antonio Guillen

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Crime Stoppers

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

(800) 222-8477

Homicide Bureau

323-890-5500