

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

April 7, 2026

Re-establish and Increase the Reward Offer in the Murder of Severino Gutierrez

On Thursday, August 4, 2022, at approximately 5:48 p.m., 34-year-old Severino Gutierrez was working as a fruit vendor near the Bank of America located at 118 W. Rosecrans Avenue in the unincorporated area of Athens, when two males attempted to rob him at gunpoint. While fleeing, one of the suspects fired a gun, striking Mr. Gutierrez. Mr. Gutierrez was transported to a local hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) Homicide Bureau believes there were potential witnesses in the parking lot and surrounding area who may have seen the suspect(s) leave the scene or who may know their identities. Detectives believe a reward offered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors would assist in generating leads to help solve this case. Any individuals with information about this senseless crime are urged to contact the LASD Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established a reward of \$10,000 on November 6, 2024 and re-established it on February 4, 2025. The reward expired on May 4, 2025, and needs to be re-established.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Re-establish and increase the offer of a reward from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s)

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responsible for the heinous murder of 34-year-old Severino Gutierrez, who was fatally shot while working at his fruit stand on August 4, 2022, at approximately 5:48 p.m. near the Bank of America located at 118 W. Rosecrans Avenue in the unincorporated area of Athens.

Contact:

Detectives Kevin Acebed, Jennifer Valenzuela,
or Alfred Jaime

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Bureau
323-890-5500

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477

Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline
(800) 222-TIPS (8477)

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