

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

May 5, 2026

Establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Damon Eugene Bluthenthal

At approximately 11:40 a.m. on Sunday, December 29, 2024, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies were dispatched to a parking lot at 1920 South Acacia Avenue in the city of Compton to investigate a stabbing and a report of a male not breathing. Upon arrival, deputies located 50-year-old Damon Eugene Bluthenthal wrapped in blankets, with a black trash bag over his head and his hands bound with duct tape. Compton City Fire paramedics arrived and pronounced Mr. Bluthenthal deceased at 12:05 p.m. Subsequent investigation revealed that he had been reported missing on December 24, 2024, to the Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Division.

Mr. Bluthenthal's family is devastated by his loss. Detectives with LASD believe there are witnesses who may have seen the suspect(s) leave the area or who may know their identities, and that a reward motion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors would help in solving the case. Any individuals with information about this senseless crime are urged to contact LASD's Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish a reward in the amount of \$15,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous murder of 50-year-old Damon Eugene Bluthenthal, who was stabbed at an unknown location and discovered on December 29, 2024, at 1920 South Acacia Avenue in the city of Compton.

Contact:

Detectives Gail Durham or Frank Alvarado
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Bureau
323-890-5500

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477

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