

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

June 9, 2026

Extend 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 the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department believe that 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 in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for this crime.

The Board of Supervisors originally established this reward on April 1, 2025, and extended it on March 17, 2026. It will expire on June 14, 2026. Detectives believe extending this reward would assist in solving the case. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact the LASD Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Extend and increase the reward offer from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous murder of 21-year-old Lanai Ariyana Dees who was tragically 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:

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