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September 1, 2026

Establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Elijah Le'chon Novelle Davenport

On Friday, February 28, 2025, at approximately 12:58 a.m., Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Homicide Investigators responded to the 13100 block of Jarvis Avenue, located in the unincorporated area of Athens, to investigate the fatal shooting of 14-year-old Elijah Le'chon Novelle Davenport. The investigation determined that Elijah was erroneously identified as a gang member and was subsequently targeted amid escalating violence between rival street gangs.

Investigators learned that Elijah and his friend were seated in a parked vehicle when a black four-door sedan approached traveling northbound on Jarvis Avenue. An occupant inside the sedan then fired several gunshots into the driver's side of the vehicle. Elijah sustained multiple gunshot wounds and later succumbed to his injuries.

Investigators obtained video evidence showing a black four-door sedan traveling southbound on Main Street from Imperial Highway prior to the shooting. Additional recovered footage captured the same vehicle traveling northbound on Main Street following the incident. Investigators were unable to locate any video depicting the suspect vehicle traveling north of 108th Street and Main Street. Detectives believe a reward provided by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors would assist in solving this case. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact the LASD Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

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Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$15,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the individuals responsible for the heinous death of 14-year-old Elijah Le'chon Novelle Davenport, who was fatally shot on February 28, 2025 at approximately 12:58 a.m., while seated in a parked car located in the 13100 block of Jarvis Avenue in the unincorporated area of Athens.

Contact:

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