



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 28, 2022

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OFFERING A \$10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION
LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF PERSONS
RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTIPLE HOME INVASION ROBBERIES

ISSUES:

Adopt a resolution offering a reward in the amount of \$10,000 for information that leads to the identification and apprehension of the persons responsible for multiple home invasion robberies in the City of Riverside, Police Department cases 220012845, 220013319 and 220013480, for a duration of 60 days and authorize an interdepartmental transfer in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution offering a reward in the amount of \$10,000 for information that leads to the identification and apprehension of the persons responsible for multiple home invasion robberies, Police Department case 220012845, 220013319 and 220013480, for a duration of 60 days; and
2. Approve an interdepartmental transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund, Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account in the amount of \$10,000 to the General Fund, Office of the Police Chief, Riverside Reward Program.

BACKGROUND:

On May 10, 2022, at approximately 9:40 PM, residents in the 14100 block of Ashton Lane were the victims of a robbery inside their residence. An adult male, his wife, and 11-year-old child were held hostage and robbed by multiple armed suspects.

On May 15, 2022, at approximately 4:40 AM, residents in the 18400 block of Moss Road were the victims of a robbery inside their residence. An adult female victim was awakened in her bed by a male suspect pointing a gun at her. An adult male victim confronted the suspects and was shot multiple times. He underwent life-saving surgery and, although is in critical condition, has survived thus far.

On May 17, 2022, at approximately 6:30 AM, an adult female was the victim of a robbery inside her

residence in the 1500 block of Kyle Court. She was confronted by armed suspects inside her residence, who held her hostage and robbed her.

Due to the current lack of information to identify the suspects, the frequency of the crimes, and the violence observed, it is important to seek the public's help with a reward.

DISCUSSION:

In May of 2001, the "Riverside Reward Program," was approved by the City Council. Guidelines for offering rewards are listed in section 364 of the Riverside Police Department Policy Manual.

Detectives believe that offering a reward in the amount of \$10,000 may entice one or more witnesses to come forward with information that would help detectives in the identification and apprehension of the persons involved in the multiple home invasion robberies.

The attached resolution approves the \$10,000 offer of reward that will expire 60 days after the date of City Council's approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal number No. 2.4 - Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Riverside Police Department provides public safety services to the community. Issuing a reward that could positively stimulate the investigation and yield useful information that could possibly lead to the identification and ultimately the apprehension of person or persons responsible for multiple home invasion robberies supports this goal.
2. **Equity** – The Department provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. Issuing a reward in an effort to apprehend a person or persons responsible for multiple home invasion robberies helps in the achievement of this goal by ensuring that RPD employees can enhance community safety.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Police Department has determined that the benefits of offering a reward in an effort to apprehend a person or persons responsible for multiple home invasion robberies outweighs the cost of the reward. Additionally, the reward is only paid in the event of an apprehension.
4. **Innovation** – In order to meet the community's changing needs, the Police Department regularly assesses the various tools and programs at their disposal to help them provide public safety services to the community. The rewards program provides the Department with an additional tool to help keep the community safe.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Regularly assessing the Police Departments programs, making changes as needed and utilizing the programs as appropriate allows the Department to adapt and grow as the needs of the community change. The rewards program is a

valuable tool that will help the Department provide public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$10,000. Upon approval funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be transferred from the General Fund, Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account No. 7211200-450247 to the General Fund, Office of the Police Chief, Riverside Reward Program Account No. 3100000-459026. If no reward is offered within 60 days of City Council's approval, funds will be returned to the Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account unless renewed or extended.

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Attachment:	Resolution
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