



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: OFFER OF A \$10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF DERRICK BUTLER - TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

ISSUE:

Approve an offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 seeking witnesses to come forward with information related to the murder of Derrick Butler in the city of Riverside.

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 person or persons responsible for the death of Derrick Butler, Police Department case #P15-108122, for a duration of 60 days; and
2. Authorize use and transfer of the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account in the amount of \$10,000 to the Police Department's Riverside Reward Program (Account No. 3100000-459026).

BACKGROUND:

On July 18, 2015, at approximately 1:52 a.m., Riverside Police Department officers responded to 3527 Main Street in the city and county of Riverside, regarding an adult male victim who had been shot. Upon their arrival, officers located Derrick Butler lying in the street with an apparent gunshot wound to his stomach. Butler was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

A press release was sent out on the morning following the homicide. Although the incident occurred in the crowded entertainment district of Main Street, no eyewitnesses to the shooting came forward on the night of the shooting, nor have any been identified to date. All the reporting parties just called to report hearing gunshots. Video surveillance video exists, but the camera was partially blocked by umbrellas and a suspect cannot be identified by video alone.

DISCUSSION:

In May of 2001, the “Riverside Reward Program” was approved by the City Council. Guidelines for offering rewards are listed in the Riverside Police Department Policy & Procedures Manual, Policy No. 364.

Detectives believe that offering a significant 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 person or persons involved in this murder.

This offer will expire 60 days after the date of Council’s approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Initiate reward amount of \$10,000 for 60 days. Funds are to be transferred from the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account No. 7235000-451000 into Police Department expenditure Account No. 3100000-459026. If no reward is offered within 60 days of Council’s approval, funds will be returned to the General Fund Contingency Reserve

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