



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF THE OFFER OF A \$10,000 REWARD AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 25, 2015, FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF ALLEN DAMERON – TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

ISSUE:

Approve a renewal of the reward in the amount of \$10,000 seeking witnesses to come forward with information related to the murder of Allen Dameron in the city of Riverside, as approved by Council on August 25, 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution renewing the offer of 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 Allen Dameron, Police Department case #P15-063118, as approved by Council on August 25, 2015, for an additional 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 April 28, 2015, at approximately 1:32 a.m., Riverside Police Department officers responded to Eucalyptus Avenue and Vermont Avenue, in the city and county of Riverside, regarding numerous calls of shots being fired in the area. Upon their arrival, they located Allen Dameron lying in the street with an apparent gunshot wound to his head. Dameron was pronounced deceased at the scene. Over the next two hours, two additional gunshot victims arrived at Riverside Community Hospital for treatment. Both of these victims were vague and/or uncooperative and would only acknowledge they were shot while in the area of Eucalyptus and Vermont.

A press release was sent out on the morning following the homicide. No eyewitnesses to the shooting came forward the night of the shooting, nor have any been identified to date. All the reporting parties just called to report hearing gunshots. An audio recording of the shooting exists and there sounds to be at least 30 rounds fired from multiple firearms.

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.

The original resolution, prepared by Council on August 25, 2015, provided that the reward offer would expire 60 days after the date of Council’s approval.

A new resolution has been prepared renewing the award period for an additional 60 days. The amount of the reward would remain at \$10,000. This offer will expire 60 days after the date of Council’s approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Renew the 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 unless once more renewed or extended.

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