



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 9, 2021

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OFFERING A \$30,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION
LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF PERSON(S)
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF GRANT EVERETT LEGGETTE –
INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER**

ISSUES:

Adopt a Resolution offering a reward in the amount of \$30,000 seeking witness(es) to come forward with information leading to the identification and apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Grant Everett Leggette, Police Department case 200004692, 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 \$30,000 seeking witness(es) to come forward with information leading to the identification and apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Grant Everett Leggette, Police Department case 200004692, for a duration of 60 days; and
2. Authorize the transfer of \$30,000 from the General Fund Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account to the Police Department's Riverside Reward Program.

BACKGROUND:

On Friday, February 14, 2020, at approximately 10:53 PM, Riverside Police Department officers responded to the Marriott Hotel parking lot, regarding multiple calls of gunshots being fired. Upon arrival, officers located a victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was quickly taken to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. The Robbery – Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation with the help of the Forensics Unit.

The victim was identified as Grant Everett Leggette. The investigating detectives learned that Mr. Leggette was at the location attending a Valentine's Day Gala hosted by "Life Church." While Mr. Leggette walked to his parked car, the suspect approached Mr. Leggette and gunned him down.

Detectives interviewed several witnesses who provided a suspect description and a possible vehicle involved. Over the past year, detectives have continued to work the case vigorously and have exhausted all leads.

A press release was distributed regarding the incident, but no information has been obtained as of this writing. In April of 2020, a \$10,000 reward was approved by City Council and offered to the public for assistance, however no further leads were developed. Detectives believe there may have been witnesses to the events leading up to the shooting or the shooting itself, however they have yet to come forward.

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 significant reward in the amount of \$30,000 may entice one or more witnesses to come forward with information that could possibly lead to the identification and apprehension of the person or persons for the murder of Grant Everett Leggette.

Attached is a resolution offering a reward in the amount of \$30,000 for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, the person or persons responsible for the murder of Grant Everett Leggette, which will expire 60 days after the date of City Council’s approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this request. Should the reward be redeemed, the total fiscal impact will be \$30,000.

Upon City Council approval, sufficient funds in the amount of \$30,000 will be transferred from the Non-Departmental/City Manager’s Fiscal Management Account (7211200-450247) to the Police Department’s Riverside Reward Program, Account No. 3100000-459026. If no reward is offered within 60 days of Council’s approval, funds will be returned to the Non-Departmental/City Manager’s Fiscal Management Account unless once more renewed or extended.

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Attachment: Resolution