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REYES ANNOUNCES \$75,000 REWARD IN SHERIFF'S DEPUTY SLAYING—*Reyes, Cypress Park community mourn loss of "one of our own family"*

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes today announced a \$75,000 reward for information leading to the arrest(s) of those responsible for the Saturday shooting death of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Abel Escalante in the Cypress Park community.

"The Cypress Park community mourns the death of Escalante as a loss of one of our own family. The City, men and women in blue feel it as a loss of our family," said Reyes, whose reward motion was unanimously approved in City Council today.

Escalante, 27, was shot at about 5:40 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, as he left his Cypress Park home near the 3400 block of Thorpe Street, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. The off-duty deputy was on his way to work at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Men's Central Jail in downtown Los Angeles. As he stood by his car, the shooter gunned down Escalante from a vehicle, said LAPD authorities.

"Escalante was a hard-working and dedicated husband and father of three," said Reyes. "Deputy Escalante has been described as a 'local success story' because he lived his dream, despite the drug infestation and gang culture that has ripped parts of the City."

LAPD Robbery Homicide Detectives, working closely with the Sheriff's Department on leads, are handling the investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Robbery Homicide Division Detectives Thomas Mathew or Steven Eguchi at (213) 485-2531. After hours and on weekends calls may be directed to the 24-hour toll free number, 1-877-LAW-FULL (529-3855).

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