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**WESSON CONDEMS SHOOTING OF 17 YEAR-OLD JAMIEL SHAW, JR.  
LEADS CITY COUNCIL ACTION APPROVING A \$50,000 REWARD**

**LOS ANGELES**—Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr. (10<sup>th</sup> District) condemned the tragic death of 17 year-old Jamiel Shaw, Jr., who was shot and killed near his Arlington Heights home on Sunday, March 1, 2008.

According to the Los Angeles Police Department, Jamiel was walking home Sunday evening in the 2100 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At approximately 8:30 p.m., a few doors north of his home, two males got out of their car and asked him where he was from. When he did not respond, they shot him several times. Jamiel's father, Jamiel Shaw, Sr., heard the gunfire and went outside only to find his son on the ground. Jamiel was taken to a hospital where he later died.

Jamiel Shaw, Jr. was a promising Los Angeles High School running back and last year's Southern League Most Valuable Player. His mother, Army Sergeant Anita Shaw, was serving her second tour of duty in Iraq at the time of the tragedy.

In response to the killing, the City Council adjourned in Jamiel's memory on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, and today adopted a motion by Councilmember Wesson offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the individuals responsible for his death.

“This was a senseless act of violence that has deeply saddened our entire community,” said Councilmember Wesson. “I urge anyone who has information related to this shooting to come forward to help us bring these criminals to justice.”

According to the LAPD, the gunmen were described as Latino males, last seen driving a white compact sedan north on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Wilshire Area Homicide Detectives at (213) 473-0446 or the anonymous hotline at 1-877-LAW- FULL, which can also be used during off-hours or on weekends.

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