

MOTION

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COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #52

On Saturday, September 9, 2006, Sergeant Gabriel Kearney, from the Los Angeles Police Department, was attacked by two suspects in a tunnel near Sale Avenue and Ventura Boulevard in the Woodland Hills area of Los Angeles. Sergeant Kearney was flagged down by a man who told him that another man was unconscious in a nearby pedestrian tunnel. When the Sergeant approached the individual on the ground, the first man hit him over the head with a beer bottle. As Sergeant Kearney fell to his knees, the man who had been on the ground, charged at him with a knife. Sergeant Kearney fired two shots and both men fled in a vehicle described as a 1980's gray Toyota Previa van. Both men were described as White, in their thirties, thin and about six feet tall.

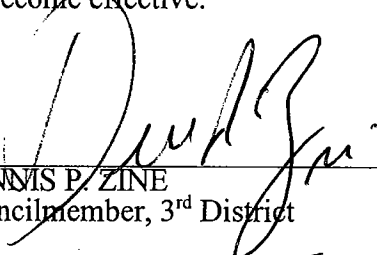
The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for attack of Sergeant Gabriel Kearney on September 9, 2006.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the attack of Sergeant Gabriel Kearney on September 9, 2006, and in support thereof make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. The attack of Sergeant Gabriel Kearney was caused by willful misconduct of one or more persons.
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person or persons who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the people of the City of Los Angeles.
3. That the attack of Sergeant Gabriel Kearney is an especially disturbing crime and therefore, as a matter of public policy, the City hereby offers a reward as an added inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the attack of Sergeant Gabriel Kearney.
4. That the sum of \$75,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.
5. That the offer of reward shall be in effect for sixty days from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

PRESENTED BY


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Councilmember, 3rd District

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