

MOTION

On July 25, 1998, at around 3:15 a.m., Josue Hernandez and Leonardo Ponce were shot and killed in an altercation with rival gang members on the sidewalk in front of 210 N. Clarence Street in the Aliso Village area of Boyle Heights.

On August 5, 1998, a little before 6 a.m., Sigreta Hernandez was kidnapped from her apartment in the Aliso Village area and taken to a home in an unincorporated portion of the County, where she was brutally raped and then shot in the head.

LAPD has issued a triple murder warrant for the arrest of Jose Luis Saenz, who they believe is responsible for all three of these deaths. The City Council previously offered a reward for the apprehension of the person responsible for these crimes (CF#98-0010-S42).

I THEREFORE MOVE that, by the 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 shooting deaths of Josue Hernandez and Leonardo Ponce, on July 25, 1998 and the rape and shooting death of Sigreta Hernandez on August 5, 1998, and in support thereof make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That the crimes described in the text of this motion were caused by the 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 rights of persons in the City.
3. That the murders of Josue Hernandez, Leonardo Ponce and Sigreta Hernandez are especially disturbing crimes 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 and apprehension of the person or persons committing the willful misconduct.
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 six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

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

PRESENTED BY: _____

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember
14th District

SECONDED BY: _____