

MOTION

On July 26, 2008 at approximately 5:30 in the morning a 23-year-old woman was kidnapped while standing next to a bus stop located at the corner of Colorado and Eagle Rock boulevards in Eagle Rock. The suspect forced the victim into his vehicle and drove her to a secluded area adjacent to Eagle Rock High School, where he sexually assaulted and then robbed her.

LAPD Sex Crimes detectives from the Northeast Detective Division report that they have reached an impasse in their investigation due to the lack of witnesses willing to come forward. They believe that the offer of an award could bring a witness forward.

The person or persons for this crime represent an on-going 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 the rape and robbery of a 23-year-old woman in Eagle Rock.

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 rape of a 23-year-old woman on July 26, 2008 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 rape and robbery of this woman 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 \$25,000 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: _____