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COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR AND POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM BRATTON ANNOUNCE \$50,000 REWARD

Los Angeles Police Department Seeks Public Assistance in El Sereno Child Molestation Case

LOS ANGELES— Councilmember José Huizar, District 14, and Police Chief William Bratton announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect in the El Sereno child molestation case.

The incident occurred on Sunday, June 3, 2007, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. The victim, a 7 year old male was walking from a store in the 5000 block of Huntington Drive. The suspect walked up behind the victim and covered his mouth, he then walked the victim to a nearby secluded area and sexually assaulted him. Despite a clear description of the suspect, the police has been unable to locate him and require the public's assistance in doing so.

“Public safety is my top priority, especially when it comes to children. This crime has deeply affected the El Sereno community, not to mention the victim and his family. We need the public's help to bring the suspect to justice,” said Councilman Huizar.

"It is very likely this suspect may commit a similar crime and we are encouraging anyone with information to come forward," said Chief William Bratton.

“The time of day and the bold nature of the crime, lead us to believe that this person will do this again. It is our collective responsibility to stop him from hurting another child,” added Councilman Huizar.

Anyone with information on the crime is being asked to contact Detective David Cedeno Rape Special Section at (213) 485-2921. After regular business hours call Detective Support and Vice Division, at 1-877-529-3855 (1-877-LAWFULL).

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