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Councilmember José Huizar Introduced a Reward Motion Today for Recent Kidnapping, Sexual Assault

\$50,000 reward will hopefully lead to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for brutal attack in Eagle Rock

LOS ANGELES (August 7, 2008) – Councilmember José Huizar introduced a motion today to the City Council asking for a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for a recent kidnapping and sexual assault in Eagle Rock.

At about 5:30 a.m. on July 26, 2008, a 23-year-old woman was kidnapped by force while waiting for a bus at the corner of Colorado and Eagle Rock Boulevards. She was driven to a nearby location where she was brutally sexually assaulted and robbed. The woman was waiting for the bus to take her to work when the assailant walked up to her before attacking her and forcing her into his car.

LAPD describes the suspect as a 20- to 22-year-old Hispanic male, 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-8 inches tall, 140 pounds, with a mustache. The suspect's vehicle is described as a dark blue, 2006-08 four-door Honda Civic, with a toddler seat in the back seat.

Councilmember Huizar and police said it was a particularly heinous attack.

“I am in the process of requesting that a \$50,000 reward be offered to get this sick and dangerous individual off the streets,” said Councilmember José Huizar, who attended a news conference this morning with police officials asking for the public's help. “It is my sincere hope that the reward will help solve this case and bring justice and closure to the victim and her family.”

The crime took place in Eagle Rock, where crimes such as this are a rare occurrence.

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“I want the public to know that while police are doing everything they can to catch this person, they believe the assault was an isolated incident, not the act of a serial rapist,” Huizar said. “Still, as always, people need to be alert and aware of their surroundings.”

Anyone with any information about the incident should call Northeast Sex Crimes Detective Adrienne Hamilton at (213) 847-5454. After hours and on weekends, call the 24-hour toll-free number at 877-LAW-FULL (877-529-3855).

For more information about Councilmember Huizar and the 14th District, please visit www.lacity.org/cd14.

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