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City Council Unanimously Opposes Granting Parole for Voltaire Williams

LOS ANGELES, February 16, 2011 – Today, the City Council unanimously passed a Resolution calling upon the Parole Board to deny the release of Voltaire Williams, who was convicted of soliciting an individual to kill LAPD Detective Thomas C. Williams.

On October 31, 1985, Detective Thomas C. Williams was killed in a spray of gunfire as he picked up his son Ryan from daycare. Detective Williams was hit by eight bullets fired from an Uzi. Voltaire Williams was convicted of soliciting Aladron Hunter to kill the detective to prevent him from testifying in a pending robbery and attempted murder trial.

“I cannot support granting parole to someone who engages in such a brutal and vicious act against an officer of the law in the presence of his young son,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the Public Safety Committee. “We must stand up for the victim, the victim’s family, and the entire law enforcement community by keeping this perpetrator behind bars.”

“Back in 1989, Williams was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison for conspiracy in the brutal 1985 ambush and assassination of LAPD Detective Thomas C. Williams. As he was picking up his son from a Canoga Park day care center, Detective Williams was hit by eight shots fired from an assault weapon. His truck was riddled with bullets, as were nearby walls and even the interior of the school. The killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer is the ultimate attack on public safety. Fellow law enforcement officers, Angelenos, and concerned citizens across the state and nation must send the message that brazen attacks like these will result in the harshest penalties and will always mean a lifetime forfeiture of the assailant’s freedom. We are thankful that the City Council will join Councilmember Zine and honor the memory of Detective Williams and support his wife and two children by informing the parole board to make Voltaire Williams serve out his full sentence”, said Paul M. Weber, President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

Voltaire Williams is scheduled to receive a parole hearing next month and his release is opposed by both the National Association of Police Organizations and the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

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