

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**COUNCILMEMBER ZINE JOINS LAPD AND FAMILY OF VICTIM
TO ANNOUNCE A \$50,000 REWARD IN A HIT-AND-RUN COLLISION
THAT KILLED JAFAR AMIRSHAHIDI**

WHO: Councilmember, Dennis P. Zine, District 3
Capt. Ivan Minsal, Commanding Officer of Valley Traffic Div. (LAPD)
Det. William Bustos, Officer-in-Charge of Valley Traffic Detectives
Police Officer Rhiannon Talley, Investigating Officer (818) 644-8116
Mr. Cia Amir, Son of the victim
Mrs. Nancy Amir, Wife of the victim

WHEN: Wednesday, April 6th at 9:15 AM

WHERE: 3rd Floor Media Room (Behind Council Chambers)
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHAT: Press conference to announce a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person(s) who were involved in the hit-and-run death of Jafar Amirshahidi. The City Council will be voting to approve the reward at the meeting immediately following the press conference.

OTHER: There will be a photo of the victim and a Farsi speaker at the press conference.

Background: On Sunday, February 27, 2011 at approximately 6 PM, Victim Jafar Amirshahidi was crossing Reseda Boulevard in a marked crosswalk when he was struck by a dark colored four-door sedan negotiating a left turn from Westbound Victory Boulevard to Northbound Reseda Boulevard. After striking Amirshahidi, the hit and run driver continued Northbound on Reseda Boulevard. Tragically, 92-year old Jafar Amirshahidi died as a result of the injuries he sustained. To date, neither the hit-and-run driver, nor the vehicle has been located.

The media's help is needed to get this information out to the public. The LAPD has disclosed that the vehicle is a four-door dark colored sedan. Detectives are seeking the public's help in locating the suspect and hope that a reward motivates witnesses to come forward with investigative leads.

Those with leads can contact Valley Traffic Division at (818) 644-8000 or call the 24-hour LAPD tip line at 877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Callers may choose to remain anonymous.



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HIT & RUN FATALITY

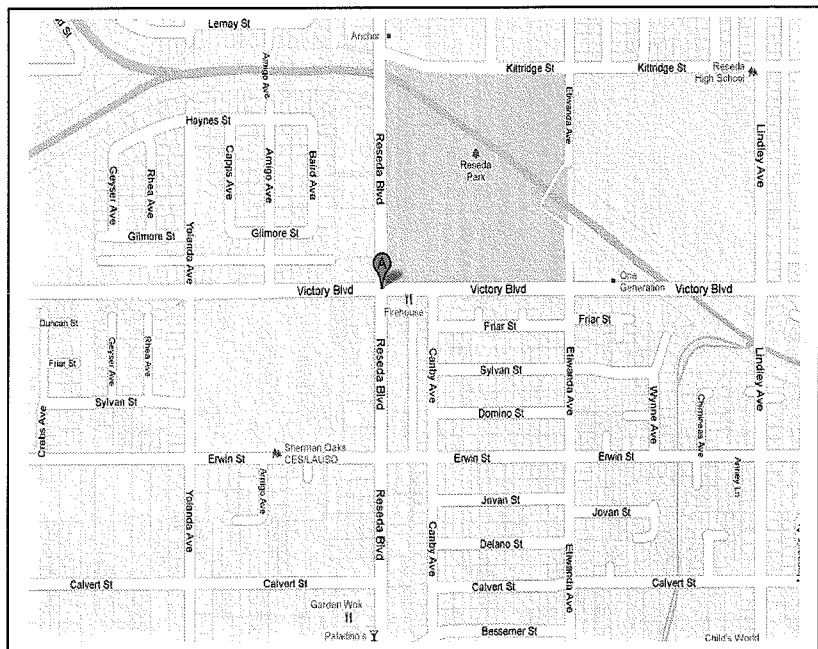
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011, AT 6:08 PM, A 92-YEAR-OLD PEDESTRIAN, WAS FATALLY INJURED BY A HIT A RUN DRIVER WHILE CROSSING WESTBOUND VICTORY BOULEVARD AT RESEDA BOULEVARD. THE PED WAS IN A MARKED CROSSWALK WHEN THE HIT AND RUN VEHICLE, DESCRIBED BY WITNESSES AS A DARK COLORED FOUR DOOR SEDAN, MADE A LEFT TURN FROM EASTBOUND VICTORY BOULEVARD TO NORTHBOUND RESEDA BOULEVARD AND COLLIDED WITH THE PEDESTRIAN. THE HIT AND RUN VEHICLE FLED THE SCENE, WITHOUT STOPPING TO RENDER AID OR IDENTIFY HIMSELF.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	RD	DR#
2/27/2011	1808 HRS	VICTORY BL & RESEDA BL	1033	111006809

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:
NONE

WEAPON(S):
VEHICLE

SUSPECT VEHICLE:
4-DOOR SEDAN, DARK COLOR,
UNKNOWN MAKE OR MODEL



CONTACT: VALLEY TRAFFIC DETECTIVES, OFFICER TALLEY #36515 AT 818-644-8116 DURING BUSINESS HOURS,
OR VTD WATCH COMMANDER AT 818-644-8000, DURING OFF-HOURS.

APPROVING DETECTIVE: DIII WILLIAM BUSTOS, SERIAL NO. 25029

PREPARED BY: VALLEY TRAFFIC CRIME ANALYSIS DETAIL (818) 644-8065 DATE: 03/03/11 CAD# VTD110303-C1



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Los Angeles, California

News Release

UPDATE
April 6, 2011

On today's date, Councilman Dennis Zine stood with LAPD Valley Traffic Division and held a press conference to offer a \$50,000 reward for information that would lead to the arrest of a hit-and-run suspect who killed 92-year-old Jafar Amirshahidi. Family members of the victim were also in attendance at the press conference to honor the memory of Amirshahidi and to stand in support of the councilman's motion.

February 27, 2011

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Elderly Man Killed During Hit-and-Run Incident

Los Angeles: Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Valley Traffic Division (VTD) detectives investigating a recent hit-and-run incident are asking for anyone who may have witnessed the tragic event to provide them with whatever details they can.

On February 27, 2011, at about 6:08 p.m, a 92-year-old man from Reseda was critically injured by a hit-and-run driver while crossing Reseda Boulevard at Victory Boulevard. The pedestrian was in a marked crosswalk walking across westbound lanes on Reseda Boulevard when a vehicle on Victory Boulevard struck him and then failed to stop and render aid as required by law.

Witnesses described the suspect's car as a dark-colored, four-door sedan making a left turn from eastbound Victory Boulevard to northbound Reseda Boulevard when the incident occurred. The elderly victim was transported to a local hospital where he died of injuries suffered in the collision.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call VTD Officer R. Talley at (818) 644-8116 or VTD Detective Bill Bustos at (818) 644-8021. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also contact Crimestoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S on most keypads) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "LAPD." Tipsters can also go to www.LAPDOnline.org, click on "webtips" and follow the prompts.

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