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Padilla and LAPD Officials to Announce \$50,000 Reward for Information on Shooting of 15-year-old boy

Council President Alex Padilla will be joined by Captain Kirk Albanese and Mission Area Station Detectives to announce a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest, prosecution, and conviction of a suspect responsible for the shooting death of a 15-year-old boy in Sylmar.

The shooting occurred Wednesday, June 29, 2005 in Sylmar near the corner of Astoria and Bradley at approximately 7:00 P.M.. The suspect drove up to the victim and engaged him in conversation. The suspect then fired one round from a handgun at the victim, striking him in the neck, causing his demise.

The suspect is described as a male, Hispanic, Manuel Galvan Virgen, with black, short, cropped hair and brown eyes, approximately 5'9" in height and weighing 165 pounds. The Mission Area Homicide Detectives are requesting assistance in solving this murder.

The lead detective assigned to the case is Detective Fernandez of Mission Area at (818) 838-9947 or weekends and after hours the Mission Area Watch Commander can be reached at (818) 838-9820. Additionally, Detective Mike Oppelt may be reached at (661) 305-0035 or by pager at (661) 267-8557.

When: Tuesday, September 20, 2005
9:30 AM

Where: Los Angeles City Hall - Council Press Room

Who: Council President Alex Padilla, Mission Area Police Station Captain Kirk Albanese, Mission Area Detectives and the family of the victim.