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## PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR \$25,000 REWARD IN SUN VALLEY MURDER CASE

**LOS ANGELES** – Councilmember Alex Padilla today won unanimous approval for a \$25,000 reward for witnesses who came forward with information resulting in the identification, apprehension, and conviction of those responsible for the beating murder Mr. Ruben Mejia.

Mr. Mejia, a 41-year-old resident of Sun Valley, was beaten to death with a blunt object in the early morning hours of July 29, 2000 on the 8400 block of San Fernando Road.

"This cruel murder is a tragic reminder that we must continually fight an ongoing war against violent crime," said Padilla. "The City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department will do everything within their power to bring the cold-blooded murderer of Mr. Mejia to justice."

Anyone with information regarding this case should call the LAPD North Hollywood Division at Ph. (818) 623-4016.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Council District serves the communities of Arleta, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Sylmar, and Van Nuys.

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