

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 27, 2026

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF REWARD FOR DR NO. 2307-17100

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners REVIEW and APPROVE the attached Application for Special Reward Payment.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT to the Mayor and City Council the Application for Special Reward Payment for review and approval.

DISCUSSION

It is requested that a \$50,000.00 reward be awarded to the claimant for a Felony Hit and Run investigation, DR No. 2307-17100. Based on the information received from the claimant, the suspect, Debresha Collins, was positively identified as the Felony Hit and Run driver and was subsequently convicted on November 04, 2025. Attached is the Application for the Special Reward Payment.

On November 14, 2023, around 6:40 A.M., a white Mazda SUV was traveling east on Venice Blvd approaching the 12th Ave intersection. The driver of the white Mazda failed to yield to a pedestrian that was crossing the street inside the marked crosswalk and struck the pedestrian. The driver of the white Mazda fled the scene, failed to render aid to the pedestrian as required by law, and failed to identify themselves.

The claimant was the responsible party for the White Mazda. He rented the Mazda using the application "TURO". The claimant cooperated with detectives and provided the information to the driver of the vehicle. He also provided text message images between the driver of the Mazda and himself showing proof of payment for the renting the vehicle.

The claimant testified in court and identified the driver as, Debresha Collins, as being the only driver that had permission to drive the vehicle during the rental period. The claimant also provided detectives with alternative addresses to the driver that were not listed on the DMV database.

When detectives contacted the driver, Debresha Collins, she denied driving and ever renting the Mazda from the claimant. Using a DNA sample found in the Mazda, detectives were able to place Debresha Collins in the vehicle. DNA testing along with the claimant's court testimony was used to place Debresha Collins as the driver of the Mazda at the time of the crash. Debresha Collins later entered a plea deal and was convicted for the Fatal hit and run.

The claimant played an important role in the investigation and court proceedings process. Without their assistance, the arrest may not have occurred. The claimant cooperated throughout the investigation process. It is the opinion of the investigating detective that the claimant qualifies for the \$50,000.00 reward.

If you require further information, contact Captain Anthony Espinoza, Commanding Officer, West Traffic Division, at (213) 473-0218.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonnell". Above the signature, the word "FOR:" is written in blue ink.

JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

Attachments

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REWARD PAYMENT

DISTRIBUTION
ORIG -- LAPD
DUPE -- City Clerk
DUPE -- Claimant

Neither the filing nor submitting of information, nor the receipt or consideration thereof by the City, shall establish legal claim to, or right of recovery of, any reward offered. The provision of payment shall be governed by Chapter 12, Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

1. PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT: Last, [REDACTED] First, [REDACTED] Middle [REDACTED]	2. ADDRESS: (Street) [REDACTED] (City) [REDACTED] (State - Zip) [REDACTED] Daytime Phone & Contact Person [REDACTED]
3. TODAY'S DATE: 08/05/2026	4. OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]
5. DRIVER'S LICENSE # or CALIF ID #: [REDACTED]	6. SOCIAL SECURITY #: (For payment purposes) [REDACTED]

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES: (Fill in or mark ALL that apply)

NOTE: The applicant is responsible for providing ALL of the following required information. A claim that does not provide the following required information may be disapproved for insufficient information.

7. DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/14/2023	8. TIME OF INCIDENT: 0640 ☒ AM ☐ PM ☐ NOON ☐ MIDNIGHT
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Venice Blvd /12th Ave	
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Fatal Hit and Run	
9. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: V-1 (white Mazda SUV) driving east on Venice blvd failed to stop and yield to th pedestrian crossing the street in the marked crosswalk. The driver fled the scene and faile to ID self.	
12. X [REDACTED] APPLICANT SIGNATURE	13. X [REDACTED] PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (under 18 years)

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INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Name Franco Serial # 37575 Agency LAPD
Phone # (213)473-0234

NAME OF VICTIM OR CASE:
[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION: ☒ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL ☐ INSUFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT ☐ INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION
INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST ATTACHED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BRIEF EXPLANATION OR COMMENTS:

The Witness testified in the Pre-liminary hearing. He identified the driver of the vehicle and provided documentation showing the suspect had rented the vehicle and notified him of the crash damage to the vehicle.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
REWARD CLAIM CHECKLIST**

**This form must be submitted with the Department's recommendation concerning payment of the reward.
One checklist must be submitted for each claimant.**

COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: _____ DR/AGENCY FILE NUMBER: _____
TYPE OF CRIME/INVESTIGATION: Fatal Hit & Run REWARD AMOUNT: \$ _____
REWARD EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ REWARD EXPIRATION DATE: _____
INFO RECEIVED WHILE REWARD IN EFFECT: ☒ YES ☐ NO DATE RECEIVED: _____
(Check one)
CLAIMANT: [REDACTED] CLAIMANT'S OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]
(Name or "Anonymous." If multiple anonymous claimants, indicate as "Claimant A, Claimant B," etc.).
CASE INVEST. BY: LAPD West Traffic Division OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT: _____
(Div/Section)
Investigator(s) Assigned: Franco 37575 Telephone: (213) 473-0234

(Name and Serial No.) Telephone: () _____

The above claimant is ☒ **ELIGIBLE** ☐ **NOT ELIGIBLE** to receive payment of a reward pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 19, Chapter 12, Sections 19.120 through 19.129.4.

Reason(s) for claimant being NOT ELIGIBLE to receive payment

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| ☐ Claimant is a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose employment includes duties of law enforcement. | ☐ Claimant obtained information for a relative who is a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee, and that person obtained the information in the course of his/her employment. |
| ☐ Claimant is a dependent of a City Officer, employee, or public officer or employee whose duties include law enforcement. | ☐ Claimant has not provided continued cooperation within the criminal justice system relative to the case for which the offer of reward is made. |
| ☐ Claimant has already been compensated by his/her employer in some other manner for the actions which are the basis for claiming the reward. | ☐ Claimant is co-suspect in the crime for which the reward is offered. |
| ☐ The suspect would benefit from payment of the reward to the claimant. | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ The claimant is acting as an agent for the suspect. | |

Explanation:

(If additional space is needed, use next page.)

APPROVED BY _____ RANK/TITLE _____



Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California

News Release

November 14, 2023

DR #2307-17100

Fatal Traffic Crash

Wilshire Area: On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, around 6:40 A.M., a fatal hit and run traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Venice Blvd and 12th Ave. A 2020 white Mazda CX-5 traveling East on Venice Blvd collided with a pedestrian crossing the street northbound on Venice Blvd in the marked crosswalk. The vehicle failed to stop at the scene of the collision and fled east on Venice Blvd. There is no driver information at this time. The license plate of the Mazda was 8XHG132.

The Los Angeles Fire Department responded to the scene and provided immediate medical attention to the pedestrian. The pedestrian succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced at scene. The pedestrian was identified and next of kin has been notified.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

Drivers are reminded that if they become involved in a collision, they should pull over and stop as soon as it is safe to do so, notify emergency services, and remain at the scene to identify themselves.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact West Traffic Detectives at (213) 473-0234. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call CrimeStoppers at 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 may also go to LAPDOnline.org, click on "webtips" and follow the prompts.

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WEST TRAFFIC DIVISION
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HIT AND RUN FELONY



Actual vehicle from a vehicle dash camera



Not actual vehicle. Side profile for illustration purposes only.

**SUSPECT VEHICLE: 2020 MAZDA CX-5 CROSSOVER WHITE IN COLOR
CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 8XHG132**

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Detectives are asking for the public's help. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Los Angeles Police Department West Traffic Division Investigator Franco at (213) 473-0234. After hours or on weekends, calls may be directed to a 24-hour, toll free number at 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (527-3247). Callers may also text "CRIMES" with a cell phone or log on to www.lapdonline.org and click on "Web Tips" When using a cell phone, all messages should begin with "LAPD". Tipsters may remain anonymous.

Please reference DR #: 2307-17100

James J. Dickson

Detective III James J. Dickson #37895

Prepared by: West Traffic Crime Analysis Detail (213) 473-0221 Date: November 14, 2023 CAD#WTD#27231114-1