DATE: February 12, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing a Reward for Information Leading to the Identification, Apprehension, and Conviction of the Person(s) Responsible for the Death of Crystal Crawford

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members adopt the attached resolution offering a reward to any individual(s) that provides information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Crystal Crawford.

BACKGROUND:
On Sunday, May 31, 2009, Crystal Crawford was fatally shot on the 2900 block of 95th Street as she was sitting in her vehicle with some friends. Ms. Crawford was driven to Centinela Hospital by her boyfriend, where she subsequently died from her injury. While the Inglewood Police Department continues its efforts to locate and apprehend the perpetrator(s) of this crime, the investigation has been unsuccessful in identifying and prosecuting the person(s) responsible for this tragic incident.

DISCUSSION:
In an effort to foster communication with members of the community that may have information regarding this case, the Police Department requests that City Council adopts the attached resolution which authorizes a reward up to $25,000 to any individual that provides information that leads to the apprehension of the person(s) involved. By offering a monetary reward, investigators hope that individuals with information will be encouraged to come forward.

Offering of a monetary reward to encourage individuals to provide information leading to the arrest of criminals is a widely recognized and effective investigative strategy. In the absence of strong physical evidence or leads as to the identity of suspects, this strategy becomes even more beneficial to police investigators. By providing this additional resource, investigators will be assisted in their ongoing efforts to apprehend the perpetrators.

FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:
A reward up to $25,000 will be paid to any individual that provides information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Ms. Crawford. Once an individual(s) with sufficient information to receive the reward comes forward,
the Police Department request the use of Asset Forfeiture funds (or another funding source) for the payment (account code no. 225 – 045 – 4564 – 45045).

LEGAL REVIEW VERIFICATION: 
Administrative staff has verified that the legal documents accompanying this report have been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney.

FINANCE REVIEW VERIFICATION: 
Administrative staff has verified that this report in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Finance Department.

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment No. 1 – Resolution
APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET

PREPARED BY:
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COUNCIL PRESENTER:
Mark Fronterotta, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL: ____________________________
Mark Fronterotta, Chief of Police

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: ____________________________
Artie Fields, City Manager
ATTACHMENT No. 1
RESOLUTION NO._____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING A
REWARD UP TO $25,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING
TO THE IDENTIFICATION, APPREHENSION AND
CONVICTION OF THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE HOMICIDE OF CRYSTAL CRAWFORD

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2009, Crystal Crawford was fatally shot
in the 2900 block of 95th Street in Inglewood, California; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Inglewood adopted
Ordinance 03-07 on July 15, 2003, amending reward offer
procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Inglewood Police Department is presently
conducting an exhaustive investigation into this homicide but as
yet has not determined the identity of the suspect(s); and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that by offering a reward, information
will be brought forth which will enable the Police Department to
identify, apprehend and convict the person(s) responsible for
this crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS
FOLLOWS:

1. That the death of Crystal Crawford resulted from
the willful misconduct of the suspect(s).

2. That it is the desire of the City Council to
offer a reward that hopefully will lead the
police to the person(s) responsible for this
crime.
3. That in order to provide for the public peace, health and safety, the City Council hereby offers a reward of up to the sum of $25,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) whose actions resulted in the death of Crystal Crawford.

4. That this offer of reward shall be in effect for a period of one year from the date of the passage of this Resolution.

5. That the City Manager is hereby directed to publicize this offer of reward in a manner, which he determines to be most appropriate to reach the general public.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ___ day of __________, 2019.

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Mayor of the City of Inglewood

Attest:

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City Clerk