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Compton City Council Authorizes \$25K Reward in Shooting Death of One-Year-Old

COMPTON— After tearful pleas from family members for the community to turn in the killers of one-year-old Autumn Johnson, today Compton Mayor Aja Brown and the City Council authorized a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of any person or persons responsible for the death of Baby Johnson. The 5-0 vote took place during Tuesday's regularly scheduled council meeting with members of Autumn Johnson's family and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in attendance. Additionally, Mayor Brown announced that Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) both planned to match the City's reward for a total of \$75,000. Anyone with information related to the death of Autumn Johnson are urged to call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 or text "TIPLA" plus the tip to 274637.

In a previous statement Mayor Aja Brown said, "There is no justification for this horrendous tragedy. There is no excuse that anyone can give for taking the life of a precious baby girl who had not even begun to realize her full potential in life. I stand today with Compton residents in recommitting ourselves to the fight against gang violence. Help Autumn's family achieve justice by contacting local law enforcement officials if you know anything about this crime and the suspects sought."

Background

Autumn Johnson, age 1, was a resident of the City of Compton and the center of attention and joy to her entire family and community. According to family members, Baby Johnson had just begun to talk and her sweet disposition came with a stubborn streak. Family members stated

to the media that she would walk for everyone except her parents.

On February 9, 2016, around 7 p.m., Autumn Johnson was asleep in her crib at home when a gunman got out of a car on the 300 block of N. Holly Avenue in the City of Compton and fired bullets into the building hitting baby Autumn in the face. The little girl was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival. According to witnesses, two black males in a blue, four-door sedan Chevrolet Impala drove up to the home shortly before 7:00 p.m. wherein one male got out of the car and fired shots into the home. Witnesses observed both men fleeing the crime scene heading southbound on Holly Avenue. The motive behind the shooting appears to be gang related.

Autumn Johnson, who had just celebrated her first birthday, was fatally struck in the head as she lay in her crib and inexplicably became an innocent victim of unnecessary violence.

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