

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster, California**

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Date: March 25, 2008

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Mark V. Bozigian, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Approve Reward of \$5,000 for Information Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of Person(s) Responsible for the Murder of Mr. Angel Martinez on March 11, 2008**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the murder of Mr. Angel Martinez on March 11, 2008.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funds to come from Community Safety Budget

**Background:**

City staff received a request from the Lancaster Sheriff's Station on March 17, 2008 requesting consideration of a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the murder of Mr. Angel Martinez on March 11, 2008.

As reported by the Sheriff's Department, Mr. Martinez, age 61, a retired NASA employee and long time Lancaster resident, was murdered by suspect(s) unknown. Mr. Martinez was shot in the chest by an arrow. Homicide and station detectives are currently working all leads and would like to offer a reward to possibly stimulate information sources. A reward request has been made to both the City of Lancaster and the County of Los Angeles.

As Council is aware, the City's practice is to consider reward requests only when recommended by the Lancaster Sheriff's Station Captain. In this case, it is the opinion of the Sheriff's Captain that a reward could be of value in getting people to come forward with information that could help in making a case against the person(s) responsible for this crime. Staff is therefore recommending that the City Council authorize a reward in the amount of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this crime.