



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: Claim for Reward - Pursuant to Costa Mesa Municipal Code, Chapter VII 1/2 Graffiti, Section 11-147, Detection Code

DATE: June 15, 2006

FROM: Police Department, Field Operations Division

PRESENTATION BY: Sergeant Paul Beckman

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergeant Paul Beckman 714/754-5053

RECOMMENDATION:

Council is requested to authorize a reward payment in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) to Melissa Perrin of Costa Mesa, California, in accordance with the provisions of Costa Mesa Municipal Code Section 11-147.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 11-147 (1) of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code, the City offers a reward up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person for violation of Section 594 of the California Penal Code, or Section 11-142 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code for the use of graffiti. The Chief of Police determines the amount of any reward that is recommended to the Costa Mesa City Council. Pursuant to Section 11-147(3), the person convicted of committing the graffiti offense shall be liable for any rewards paid pursuant to this section and if that person is an unemancipated minor, the custodial parent of the minor shall be liable for any rewards paid pursuant to this section.

ANALYSIS:

On January 16, 2006, Sylvia Bays observed two juveniles tagging a wall with spray paint at 660 West 17th Street, Urbanism Furniture. Bays' employee, Melissa Perrin, followed the two suspects to another location and notified police. Perrin stood by with one of the juveniles until the police arrived. The juvenile was placed under citizen's arrest by Bays and taken into temporary custody.

Ms. Perrin assisted in the investigation by following the suspect, notifying the police and providing a written statement. During an interview, the suspect denied spray painting on the wall but admitted to having been in possession of the spray paint. The Orange County Probation Department placed the suspect on probation and ordered him to pay restitution.

A copy of Police Department Case Number 06-947 is provided as attachment (1).

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

None

FISCAL REVIEW:

The \$500 reward will be funded from the Police Department's budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required on this item.

CONCLUSION:

Ms. Perrin's claim was fully researched and reviewed by the Police Department. The investigation revealed that the information provided by Ms. Perrin satisfied the requirements set forth in the Municipal Code to qualify for a reward in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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Attachment 1: [Costa Mesa Police Department Arrest Report 06-947](#)

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