



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

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

DATE: August 7, 2007

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 a citizen 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 May 3, 2006, a citizen observed three male juveniles spray painting a wall. The citizen called the police when he observed the vandalism and then helped the investigation by identifying the involved juveniles.

Without this citizen's phone call and subsequent assistance, this vandalism would not have been solved or possibly even reported.

The juvenile identified in this case was found guilty and received 120 days in juvenile hall and was placed on probation.

A copy of Police Department Case Number 06-7351 is provided as attachment (2).

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:

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

Christopher Shawkey
Chief of Police

MARC R. PUCKETT
Director of Finance

Paul Beckman
Sergeant/Gang Detail

Attachments: 2

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