

# HOMICIDE UNIT: REWARDS FOR INFORMATION



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# HOMICIDE REWARDS – HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

- The SFPD, in consultation with the Mayor’s Office, decide which cases qualify for a reward and how much the award will be.
- In 2016, the Board of Supervisors, led by then-Board President London Breed, introduced and passed an ordinance adding Section 10.100-306 to the Administrative Code establishing the Homicide Reward Fund.
- In 2017, the SFPD established a process, Unit Order 17-01, to comply with the tenets of the Homicide Reward Fund.



# HOMICIDE REWARD FUND

Admin Code Section 10.100-306 established the Homicide Reward Fund

- Chief of Police has full discretion to establish a reward and its amount based on:
  - The nature of the crime and the length of time
  - The difficulty of the investigation and prosecution
- The reward may be paid to an individual(s) in consultation with the District Attorney upon the successful prosecution of the case based on:
  - The usefulness of the information furnished by the person
  - The individual(s) may not have participated in planning, commission, or concealing of the crime
- If the distribution of the award exceeds \$100,000, the Board of Supervisors shall approve the payout by resolution.



# ESTABLISHING REWARDS

- Investigations Bureau Unit Order 17-01 outlines the procedures for requesting a reward for an unsolved homicide.
- The lead Homicide Investigator can request a reward when all investigative leads have been exhausted including any viable leads to identify a suspect.
- The Chief determines the starting amount of the reward, which can be increased up to the allowable \$250,000.



# REWARDS ONLINE

Reward information can be obtained through the Department website.  
There are currently 17 cases (19 victims) highlighted.



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## Homicides and Cold Cases

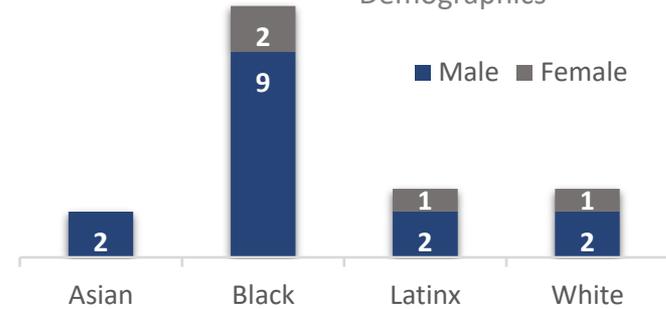
A homicide cold case is one in which the case is on hold, primarily due to a lack of witnesses or other promising evidence. There is no statute of limitations when it comes to homicide cases and SFPD is always ready to reopen cold cases if new information becomes available.

The San Francisco Mayor's Office has offered rewards for helpful tips in many cold homicide cases. The rewards range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 if the information leads to an arrest and prosecution.

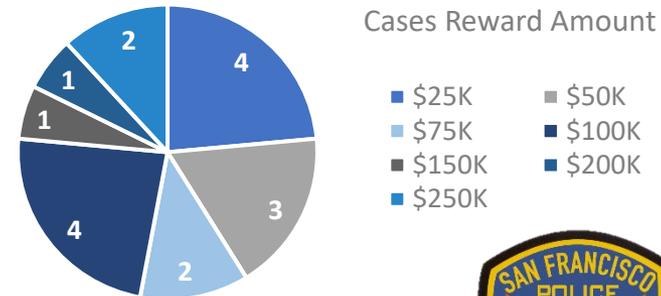
If you have information about these or other homicide cold cases, please contact the San Francisco Police Department's Homicide Detail at 1-415-553-1145. You can also submit information anonymously by calling our tip line at 1-415-553-1166.

### Current Cold Cases

Victim Reward Demographics



Cases Reward Amount



# REWARDS ONLINE

Reward Amount	Victim & Year
\$25K	Ryan Sacdalan (2018) Thulani Herron (2017) Mark Coats (2019) Luis Temajtomas (2021)
\$50K	Kelvin Hamilton (2001) Delmond Carter (2010) Kieran Carlson & Brandon Cheese (2022)
\$75K	Allen Bow (2007) Mitchell Warren (2016)
\$100K	Huan Zhou Chen (2010) Evelyn Hernandez (2002) Lindsay McCollum & Eddie Tate (2016) Thea Slater (2002)
\$150K	Gabriel Zavala (2005)
\$200K	Keron Lamotte (2016)
\$250K	Aubrey Abrakasa (2006) Nicole Fitts (2016)

<https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stay-safe/ongoing-investigations/homicides-and-cold-cases>



# REWARD PAYOUTS

Every homicide tip is evaluated and investigated by the assigned Homicide sergeant to prove or disprove the information. The information is either:

- Unsubstantiated and remains in the case file
- Substantiated but does not lead to an arrest
- Substantiated, leads to an arrest, and the successful prosecution of the case, at which point reward may be paid out



In 2013, a payment of \$250,000 (reward established by the Mayor) was made to a person who came forward with information that led to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of Willie Allen in 2006.



# REWARDS PAYOUTS LIST

Reward Amount	Victim & Year	Reward Year	Ordinance No.
\$250K	Willie Allen (2006)	2013	0072-13
\$10K	Mark Ashley (2007)	2011	0014-11
\$25K	Dernae Wysinger (2005) Naemon Wysinger (2005)	2007	0141-07
\$10k	Ribhi Hussein (2002)	2005	0032-05
\$10k	Parrish Wingard (2001)	2004	0257-04
\$12.5k	Shayne Worcester (1999)	2004	0256-04
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\$5k	Carmel Sanger (1997)	2001	0243-01



Thank you  
Questions?

