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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District

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Board Approves Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' Request for Reward for Arrest in 6-year-old's Beating Death

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of any individual or individuals assisting suspect to elude capture*

LOS ANGELES – The Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' request to offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the 36-year-old caretaker and primary suspect in the brutal beating death of 6-year-old Dae'von Bailey.

Last week, the Supervisor joined representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department in issuing an appeal to the community for help in apprehending Marcas Fisher, who has avoided capture since Dae'von's body was found by relatives July 23 in the residence located in the 800 block of E. 87th Street.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has issued a murder warrant for Marcas Fisher, alleging one count each of murder and assault on a child causing death. Police have described Fisher as a dangerous fugitive.

The Supervisor stated that the reward offer also includes information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual or individuals who are assisting Marcas Fisher to elude capture or are harboring or sheltering him from authorities.

"LAPD investigators believe there are some who know of Mr. Fisher's whereabouts and may be harboring and helping him avoid arrest," the Supervisor

said. "Let me assure you that there will be serious consequences, if indeed this is proven."

An autopsy report is pending and the Dept. of Children & Family Services is investigating the circumstances of his death, including all contacts made to DCFS regarding Dae'von.

The Supervisor has also called for the expediting of the process to hire a lead attorney in the Children's Special Investigations Unit. This individual will be personally responsible for providing the Board with an independent legal review of deaths and serious incidents of child abuse or neglect.

The Board of Supervisors also directed the County's Chief Executive Officer and the DCFS Director to report back on the timetable and review of several initiatives designed to ensure the well being and protection of the children within the care of DCFS.

"Dae'von's death has been heavy on my heart. His passing is a tragedy and there are many unanswered questions," the Supervisor said. "We have a moral duty to protect every child from abuse in the County of Los Angeles. Let me assure you, this is a high priority of mine."

Anyone with information in this case to call LAPD Detectives at **877-527-3247**.

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