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On Thursday, July 23, 2009, police officers were called to a residence on East 87th Place in the city of Los Angeles, where they found the body of 6 year-old Dae'von Bailey. Initially, Marcas Fisher was sought by police for questioning as a person of interest, but on Tuesday, July 28th, 2009, an arrest warrant for murder was issued. To date, he has not yet been apprehended.

Dae'von's passing is a tragedy, and there are many unanswered questions. On July 28th, 2009, at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, it was requested that the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS") report back on the timetable and review of several initiatives designed for ensuring the well-being and protection of the children within the care of DCFS. These initiatives and reports include the status of the hiring of a lead attorney for the Children's Special Investigations Unit, a review and report by DCFS on the efficacy and utilization of an analytical tool used by social workers in predicting the likelihood of child abuse, and a report on the existing caseload for each level of social worker with recommendations of best practices. The Board of Supervisors also met in closed session on July 28th to discuss the facts and issues involved in Dae'von's

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passing.

In the meantime, Marcas Fisher remains at large and is considered a dangerous fugitive. In coordination with the detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department's Child Abuse Unit, it is requested that the Board of Supervisors offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Marcus Fisher. In addition, it is also requested that the Board of Supervisors offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual or individuals who are assisting Marcas Fisher elude capture or are harboring or sheltering him from authorities.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Marcas Fisher for the murder of 6 year-old Dae'von Bailey, who was found lifeless on Thursday, July 23, 2009, on East 87th Place in the city of Los Angeles, as well as for 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.

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