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**SUBJECT: BLUE LINE TRAIN PLATFORM HOMICIDE PRESS
CONFERENCE**

ISSUE:

On Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 10:30am, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau will be hosting a press conference to ask for the public's assistance in obtaining any information on the death of Mr. John Wayne Whitmore as well as releasing video surveillance footage. The location of the press conference is 5747 Rickenbacker Road, Commerce, CA 90040.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Mark Ridley-Thomas has approved a \$10,000 reward leading to arrest and conviction of the individual(s) involved with the death of Mr. John Wayne Whitmore.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 2014, John Wayne Whitmore, a 65-year old African American was beaten at Imperial/Wilmington Station by two African American women. On June 20, 2014, Mr. Whitmore died from his injuries as a result of a blunt head trauma.

NEXT STEPS

The investigation is active and investigators are monitoring incoming information. Metro staff will continue to work in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide the Board of Directors updates on this case.