Long Beach Fire Department

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\$20,000 Reward for Information on the Long Beach Arson at Men's Suit Outlet Store

Long Beach, CA— A total of \$20,000 is being offered as a reward for information leading to the identification and arrest of those responsible for igniting multiple fires that destroyed several businesses in Long Beach. The City of Long Beach is contributing \$10,000 and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) contributed the initial \$10,000.

"We are committed to helping businesses that were vandalized to rebuild," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "As a City, we will also continue to work on identifying the people responsible for this so that we can take action, and we need the community's help."

The City's \$10,000 expenditure for the reward was unanimously approved by City Council on July 7, 2020.

One of the fires started around 10 p.m. on May 31, 2020, at the Men's Suit Outlet, located at 655 Pine Ave., during a period of civil unrest. Video evidence shows multiple suspects approaching the business and throwing two incendiary devices (commonly referred to as Molotov cocktails) inside the business. The ensuing fire destroyed the building and the five businesses operating out of the building. The loss due to this fire alone is estimated at \$5,176,200.

Video evidence shows the same unidentified suspects throwing incendiary devices and vandalizing Pacific Travel Insurance and Income Tax located at 951 Pine Avenue, as well as Burger King, located at 127 W. 4th St.

This investigation is being conducted jointly by the Long Beach Fire Department and ATF Los Angeles Field Division. Video footage of the suspects can be found <u>online</u>. Anyone with information on the unidentified suspects or information on the fires listed above is encouraged to contact Long Beach Fire Department Arson Hotline at (562) 570-2582.

Attached are photos of the suspects who threw incendiary devices into Men's Suit Outlet in Long Beach, May 31, destroying the store and several adjacent businesses.

About the City of Long Beach

Home to approximately 470,000 people, the multiple award-winning and innovative City of Long Beach offers all the world-class amenities of a large metropolitan city while maintaining a strong sense of individual and diverse neighborhoods nestled together

along the California coast. As a full-service charter city, Long Beach is home to the Queen Mary, Aquarium of the Pacific, several museums and theaters, a highly rated school district, Long Beach Airport and the Port of Long Beach. The City also has a highly respected university and city college, two historic ranchos, five hospitals, five golf courses, 171 parks, miles of beaches, marinas and bike paths.

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