



Esmeralda★Soria

Fresno City Councilmember District 1

MEDIA ADVISORY

PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 PM TODAY

Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and Police Chief Jerry Dyer Boost Crime Stopper Award for 9 Year Old Victim of Shooting

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Fresno-Councilmember Esmeralda Soria joined by Police Chief Dyer and the nine year old Janessa Ramirez's mother, Stacey Gonzales, at 3PM Tuesday for the press conference at Crime Stoppers headquarter located at 2323 Mariposa Street, Fresno CA.

Councilmember Soria stated "I have committed \$5,000 to the reward for finding the shooter in Janessa's death, and Supervisor Henry R. Perea and Assemblymember Henry T. Perea have both agreed to match my commitment."

Nine year old Janessa Ramirez was fatally wounded while talking with family in front of a West Central business. The exchange of gunfire erupted around 8:40pm Sunday nearby the intersection of Clinton and Marks. Janessa is an innocent victim in what appears to be gang violence. Janessa was a 4th grade student at Steinbeck Elementary in the Central Unified School District.

Councilmember Soria emphasizes the need for help from the public. "More than ever, people need to be the eyes and ears of the community. The news of the death of an innocent 9 year old has shaken this community. Janessa was part of our community. We need to help her family."

Dyer has urged people who were in the area at the time of the gunfire broke out to contact the police department and share what they know. The police department are checking all leads as well as viewing nearly 20 surveillance videos from businesses in the area.

Councilmember Soria, along with other local officials and community leaders are organizing a vigil for Janessa for this Thursday at 6:30pm. Soria encourages the public to attend and show their support.

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