

# REWARDS FOR INFORMATION

## Unsolved and Cold Case Homicides



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- SFPD established the Cold Case Unit with the goal of re-examining evidence to vigorously investigate cases for a successful outcome.
- The Cold Case Unit is currently staffed with one sergeant and five investigators.
- Unsolved homicides are constantly being reviewed and investigated for any new leads, forensic evidence, or other information that may provide an investigative lead.
- After five years of non-activity, a case may be reassigned to the Cold Case Unit including homicides, suspicious deaths, unidentified human remains, or missing person under suspicious circumstances.
- Regular communication with survivors is established to provide updates on the case including when new information is obtained.

**Regardless of the unit assigned, rewards are offered throughout the course of the case investigation.**

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# Homicide Rewards

## Admin Code 10.100-306

- The Chief may pay a reward to any person(s) providing information that leads to the arrest and successful conviction of a person for the crime of murder (PC 187).
- The person may not have participated in the planning, commission, or concealment of the crime.
- The information must have been unknown to police or the DA at the time it was provided.
- The reward is the Chief's discretion and there is no right to an award.
- Board of Supervisors shall approve rewards over the amount \$100,000.
- **Unit Order 17-01** established the procedure followed to comply with the tenets of Admin Code 10.100-306.

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## Investigations Unit Order 17-01



- All viable leads have failed to develop information to identify a suspect(s) and all investigative leads have been exhausted.



- Request for a reward is made to the Chief of Police and are made in increments of \$10,000, unless circumstances dictate a larger increase, up to \$250,000



- Press release issued and Information posted on the SFPD website with information related to the crime.



- Ongoing case review to determine need to increase rewards offered.

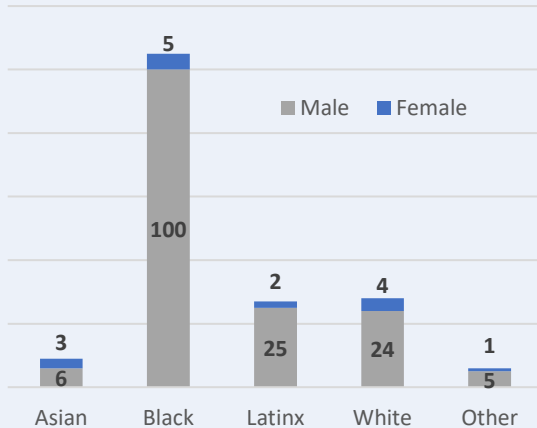
**COLD CASE ANONYMOUS TIP LINE**

**415-553-1166**

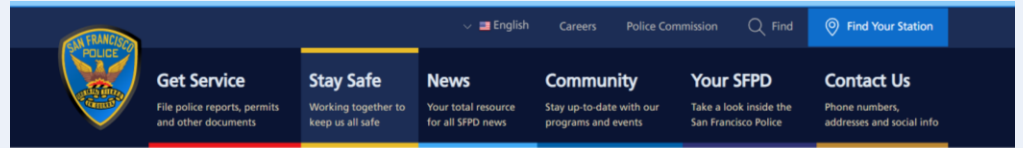
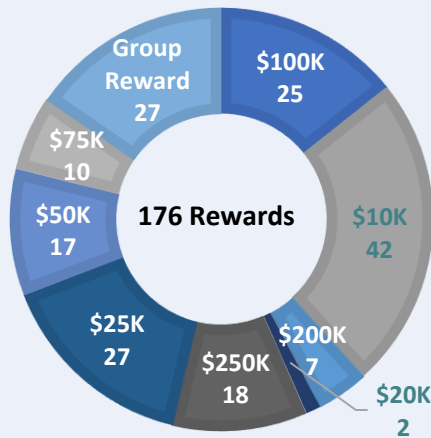


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## Victim Demographics



## Cash Reward Amounts



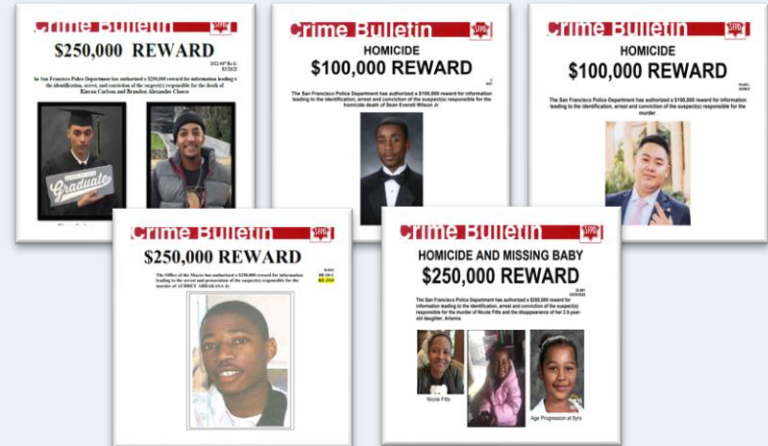
## Homicides and Cold Cases

A homicide cold case is one in which the case is on hold, primarily due to a lack of witnesses or other promising evidence. There is no statute of limitations when it comes to homicide cases and SFPD is always ready to reopen cold cases if new information becomes available.

The San Francisco Mayor's Office has offered rewards for helpful tips in many cold homicide cases. The rewards range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 if the information leads to an arrest and prosecution.

If you have information about these or other homicide cold cases, please contact the San Francisco Police Department's Homicide Detail at 1-415-553-1145. You can also submit information anonymously by calling our tip line at 1-415-553-1166.

## Current Cold Cases



There are currently 176 victims highlighted

[www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stay-safe/ongoing-investigations/homicides-and-cold-cases](http://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stay-safe/ongoing-investigations/homicides-and-cold-cases)

# Rewards Paid Out

Amount	Victim/Year	Reward Year	Ordinance #
\$250k	Willie Allen (2006)	2013	0072-13
\$10k	Mark Ashely (2007)	2011	0014-11
\$25k	Dernae Wysinger (2005) Naemon Wysinger (2005)	2007	0141-07
\$10k	Ribhi Hussein (2002)	2005	0032-05
\$10k	Parrish Wingard (2001)	2004	0257-04
\$12.5k	Shayne Worcester (1999) (2 rewards paid)	2004	0256-04 0158-04
\$5k	Carmel Sanger (1997)	2001	0243-01



## Man found guilty for murdering Potrero Hill dad, son

• By Examiner Staff Mar 22, 2007 Updated May 18, 2022

A man who gunned down a father and his infant son in late 2005 faces life in prison after he was found guilty in his second murder trial.

A jury of four men and eight women deliberated for nearly five days before finding Joseph Stevens, 23, guilty of first degree murder. In October 2005, Stevens crept up to a car parked in front of 43 Turner Terrace, in Potrero Hill, and unloaded a high-caliber assault weapon into the vehicle, where 22-year-old Dernae Wysinger, his son, Naemon Wysinger, 2, and the boy's 23-year-old mother sat. Bullets ripped through the family, killing the father and son. The mother was injured.

In a news conference following the guilty verdict Wednesday, San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris said Naemon was targeted as an act of revenge. Wysinger and Stevens had been feuding for more than a year, authorities said.

Stevens' first trial ended in a hung jury in early 2006 after one juror held out for an acquittal.

The second trial, which started in January and lasted approximately three months, included testimony from a new witness, for whom prosecutors had searched but were not able to locate during the first trial, prosecutor Marshall Khine said Wednesday. The new witness was able to identify Stevens as driving the getaway vehicle several days before the crime.

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Thank You.

