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- A. G.S. 15-53.1 authorizes the Governor, after satisfactory information is furnished to him that a felony or other infamous crime has been committed within the state, to issue a proclamation offering a reward not exceeding \$10,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.
- B. When contacted by an agency requesting a proclamation offering a Governor's Reward, the Special Agent in Charge will advise the appropriate Sheriff or Chief of Police to make the request in writing to the Governor's Office. The requesting agency should be advised of the following:
 - 1. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, the request should not be made until after thirty (30) days of extensive investigation.
 - 2. The request should include a synopsis of the crime, full name, race, sex, date of birth of victim, exact location and date of crime, the department immediately responsible for the investigation, name of the department head, the name of the ranking officer assigned to the case, an indication if the Bureau is assisting in the investigation, and the name of the Bureau Agent assigned to the case, if applicable.
- C. When the Governor's Office contacts Bureau Headquarters for a recommendation on the matter, the Special Agent in Charge shall provide the Director with appropriate information and a recommendation as to whether or not the Director should recommend that the Governor offer the reward.
- D. Payment of Reward
 - 1. All payments of the Governor's Reward must be approved by the Council of State.
 - 2. All requests for payment of the reward must be in writing to the Governor's Office with a copy to the Director.
 - 3. The request will include the full name and address of the individual seeking the reward, the precise information furnished and its impact on the investigation, weight of testimony, if the individual did not testify, why the individual did not testify, the recommendation of the District Attorney and the department head, the manner in which payment is to be made. If multiple claims are made, there should be a recommendation as to the

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division of the payment.

4. Payment documentation shall include a release which must be signed, witnessed and notarized before payment will be made.