

## Reward in murder of Janessa Ramirez raised to \$25,000

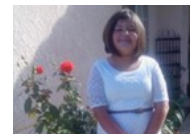
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Fresno police Chief Jerry Dyer walks in front of the casket during the memorial service for Janessa Ramirez held at Cornerstone Church on Jan. 24. ERIC PAUL ZAMORA — THE FRESNO BEE

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The reward for information leading to the arrest in the slaying of 9-year-old Janessa Ramirez has been raised to \$25,000, Fresno police announced Wednesday.



Janessa was killed Jan. 18 when she was caught in the crossfire of a gang dispute in the area of Clinton and Marks avenues, west of Highway 99. Standing in front of a laundromat with her mother, Janessa was struck by a stray round fired from several hundred yards away, police said.



Fresno police are still searching for suspects in her killing and are asking for more tips from the public. Chief Jerry Dyer, who attended Janessa's memorial service, said afterward he remains optimistic that police will be able to arrest those responsible for her death. He said many of the tips have a "consistent theme," which has allowed detectives to focus their investigation more narrowly.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP.

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