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Robbery/Homicide Bureau
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On February 18, 2009 at approximately 10:48 p.m., officers from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Northwest Area Command responded to the 7700 block of Golden Talon Avenue. Officers received a call from a female involved in a domestic dispute with her husband. The female advised LVMPD Dispatch her husband was armed with a firearm and was sitting outside the residence. Upon officers arrival, they observed a Caucasian male seated near a vehicle in front of the residence armed with what appeared to be two handguns. An officer trained as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) member attempted to negotiate with the suspect for over 15 minutes. His attempt to convince the suspect to drop both handguns was unsuccessful. Subsequently, the suspect stood up and began moving towards his residence where his wife and three year old child were inside. Officers, fearing for the wife and child's welfare, opened fire and wounded the suspect.

The suspect was transported to University Medical Center Trauma Unit, where he underwent emergency surgery, but succumbed to his injuries several hours later. Homicide detectives are currently investigating this latest use of force incident and will release further details as they become available.

Per LVMPD policy the officers names involved in this incident will not be released for 48 hours.

The identity of the deceased suspect is being withheld pending autopsy and notification of next of kin.