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Robbery/Homicide Bureau
828-3521

DOMESTIC DISPUTE RESULTS IN DEATH OF SUSPECT

On October 4, 2009 at approximately 7:36 p.m., the L.V.M.P.D. Dispatch Center received a call from a female who reported she was involved in a domestic dispute with her husband. The female also advised the call takers there were guns inside of the residence, and stated she was unsure if her husband was still inside.

Officers arrived at the residence, located in the 6300 block of Hobart Street, and contacted the female victim. After speaking to the victim they announced their presence, entered the tri-level residence, and began searching for the husband.

The officers ultimately encountered the male suspect who discharged one round from a weapon, causing one officer to discharge a single round from his firearm as the officers retreated back to the hallway. Officers then evacuated the residence, established a perimeter, and requested assistance.

Metro's SWAT and Crisis Negotiations Teams responded. After numerous attempts to communicate with the suspect went un-answered, SWAT and K-9 officers entered the residence and discovered the male suspect in a downstairs room. The suspect was deceased from an apparent self inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Additionally, it appears the suspect suffered an apparent gunshot wound to the leg.

An investigation by Metro Homicide Detectives has revealed both a rifle and a handgun were laying next to the deceased suspect. The exact cause and manner of death, and the identity of the suspect, will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

Per Department policy, the officer who discharged his firearm was placed on paid administrative leave. That Officer's name will be released after 48 hours. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers at 385-5555, or the L.V.M.P.D. Homicide Section at 828-3521.