

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

Lt. Lew Roberts
Robbery/Homicide Bureau
828-3521

**SUBJECT DIES AFTER
STRUGGLING WITH OFFICERS**

On November 4th, 2009, at approximately 6:22 p.m. the L.V.M.P.D. Dispatch Center received a call from a State of Nevada Social Worker requesting immediate Police Assistance to a residence in the 7700 block of Scoby Court in Southwest Las Vegas. The Social Worker advised a client under State supervision was not in compliance with his prescribed medication schedule, and was behaving erratically.

Uniformed Patrol Officers arrived and met with the State Social worker, who advised the subject had possibly taken numerous unknown medications throughout the day, and had also possibly turned on gas valves inside of the residence. The officers then began speaking to the individual, who continued behaving in an erratic manner. After speaking to the subject for approximately one hour the officers located an open rear door, and entered the residence in an attempt to take the subject into custody for transport to a medical facility. The subject began violently resisting the officers. During the struggle one of the officers applied a lateral vascular neck restraint in order to subdue the subject.

Following the arrest process the individual stopped breathing, and officers immediately summoned medical personnel who were waiting nearby. Arriving medical personnel administered aide to the subject, and transported him to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The investigation into this incident remains ongoing. The identity of deceased, and the exact cause and manner of death, will be released by the Clark County Coroners Office. Per department policy, the identity of the officers involved in this incident will be released after 48 hours.