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OFFICER FIRES SHOT AT SUSPECT

On January 9, 2010, at approximately 3:00 pm, L.V.M.P.D. patrol officers, along with the Metro air unit, responded to the area of Los Pasada and Las Verdes to investigate a reported kidnaping. Citizens had reported two African American males attempting to force an African American female into a green Jeep.

The police helicopter was the first to arrive on scene, and rapidly located the victim and one of the suspects, who were near the suspect vehicle. Officers in the air unit then observed the male suspect beating the female victim while outside of the Jeep. As patrol units were arriving in the area, the victim was able to escape from her attackers and flee on foot to a safe location.

The first arriving patrol officer was able to block the suspects vehicle and prevent them from leaving the area. The officer then immediately began commanding the suspects inside of the vehicle to raise their hands and surrender.

One occupant of the vehicle complied. The second suspect, however, refused to follow the officers orders, and made a quick movement downward towards the floor of the vehicle, and then abruptly brought his hands back up. At this time the officer fired one shot from his handgun, missing both the vehicle and the occupants.

Both suspects were taken into custody without further incident, and transported to the homicide office for questioning. The female, who was not seriously injured in the attack, was located, however she has been uncooperative with detectives.

An investigation has revealed this incident was the result of domestic violence. Tracy Lee Denson age 23 of Las Vegas, was arrested for Battery, Domestic Violence, and booked into the Las Vegas City Jail. The officer involved in this event has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of a routine internal investigation. Per Department policy the officers name will not be released for 48 hours.