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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## METRO SEEKS PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN VIOLENT BATTERY INCIDENT

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at approximately 4:15 a.m., officers discovered an elderly male injured in the alleyway east of Las Vegas Blvd and Oakey. The victim, who appeared to be homeless, has since been identified as 60 year old James Paul Schmidt.

Schmidt appears to have been the victim of Battery and/or Robbery and may have interfered with subjects placing graffiti in the area. Additionally, a convenience store robbery had just occurred in the area north of this subject. Schmidt was dressed in casual clothing and a dark hooded sweat type shirt. He had no wallet or identification. He was transported to University Medical Center where he was treated for a brain injury and has been medically unable to provide any additional details.

Detectives assigned to the Violent Crimes Section have exhausted all leads and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying any potential suspects. A picture of James Schmidt has been attached to this release.

Anyone with knowledge of the incident, or of those involved, is asked to contact the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Violent Crimes Section at 702-828-5634. If they wish to remain anonymous they may call Crime Stoppers at 385-5555.

Sgt. Will Hutchings from Violent Crimes will be available to talk to the media today outside of ISD, located at 4750 W. Oakey from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Please page him at 262-3455 if you would like an interview.

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