

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

Lt. Lew Roberts
Robbery/Homicide Bureau
828-3521

**HOMICIDE SUSPECT ARRESTED
WHILE HIDING IN PORTA-POTTY**

On January 14, 2010, at approximately 8:59 p.m. L.V.M.P.D. patrol officers responded to 150 East Hoover Avenue to investigate a reported disturbance. Arriving officers made contact with several subjects who directed the officers to an apartment at that location. Upon entering the apartment officers discovered a white male adult deceased from apparent blunt force trauma to the head.

Officers immediately secured the surrounding area and began to investigate this incident. A short time later patrol officers who were canvassing the area located the suspect, who was hiding in a nearby porta potty and attempting to change his clothes. The suspect, who has been identified as Mark Hoffman, 47 years of age of Las Vegas, was suffering from an apparent self inflicted injury to the abdomen, and was transported to U.M.C. Trauma.

Homicide detectives continued the investigation into this incident, and have charged Hoffman with murder with the use of a deadly weapon. Hoffman remains hospitalized, and has been booked *in absentia* into the Clark County Detention Center.

The identity of the victim, and the exact cause and manner of death, will be released by the Clark County Coroners Office. Anyone with information regarding this latest incident is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers at 385-5555 or the L.V.M.P.D. Homicide Section at 828-3521.