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Robbery/Homicide Bureau  
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On January 22, 2010 at approximately 8:35 p.m., officers from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, responded to the 9100 block of Pearl Cotton avenue, in regards to a call from an alarm company that something suspicious was occurring at the residence. Upon officers arrival, they came into contact with an African American male who has been identified as Derrick Valentine 36 years of age. Officers entered the residence and discovered a female victim inside deceased from unknown causes. The male subject was taken into custody and as a result, homicide detectives were contacted and arrived on scene.

As a result of a preliminary investigation, detectives determined that this latest homicide was the result of domestic violence. Derrick Valentine was placed under arrest and booked at the Clark County Detention Center for Murder with use of a deadly weapon. The identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin and autopsy by the Clark County Coroners Office.

