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LVMPD Investigates 16th Officer Involved Shooting for 2015

On December 31, 2015 at approximately 2:04 p.m., the LVMPD was advised of a request for assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service regarding a wanted suspect. Marshals were conducting surveillance on the subject, who was wanted for multiple violent felonies out of Arizona. While conducting surveillance, the suspect fled from the Marshals.

Arriving LVMPD patrol officers were told that the suspect was wanted for attempted murder. Officers located the suspect outside of a residence in the 8300 block of Gilded Crown Court. The suspect was holding an object in his right hand that officers believed to be a firearm. Officers gave the suspect numerous commands to drop the firearm, which he did not. The suspect started to advance towards the officers and he was given numerous commands to stop his advance, but he did not. Believing that the suspect was armed, in a residential area, and wanted for attempted murder, two officers fired at the suspect, striking him.

Medical attention was immediately summoned for the suspect, who was ultimately pronounced deceased at the scene. Through the preliminary investigation, it was learned the object in the suspect's hand was a cell phone.

This is the 16th officer involved shooting of 2015. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officers involved will be released after 48 hours. The identity of the suspect, as well as the cause and manner of death will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

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Captain Matt McCarthy of the LVMPD Office of Internal Oversight and Constitutional Policing provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/vAjpZLMFdOs>

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 702-385-5555, visit www.crimestoppersofNV.com or text: "CRIMENV" + tip information to 274637 (CRIMES). Message and data rates may apply.

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