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LVMPD Investigates 2nd Officer Involved Shooting of 2017

On January 21, 2017 at approximately 9:38 a.m. the LVMPD dispatch center received multiple reports of a nude adult male in the pool area of the Gold Spike Hotel & Gambling Hall located in Jean, Nevada. Two hotel employees first encountered the male who began chasing them while holding a knife.

An arriving LVMPD officer encountered the suspect, still armed with the knife, in the southeast parking lot. The lone officer gave numerous verbal commands to which the suspect did not comply. The officer deployed his low-lethal shot gun which was ineffective. The suspect then charged toward the officer causing him to fire his handgun; the suspect was struck multiple times. Members of the Clark County Fire Department were present and immediately rendered medical aid after the shooting however the suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

This is the 2nd officer involved shooting for 2017. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved will be released after 48 hours.

Captain John McGrath of the LVMPD Office of Internal Oversight provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/VigBT5Ujtoo>

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com, or text CRIMENV plus tip information to 274637 (CRIMES). Message and data rates may apply. Tips leading directly to an arrest or indictment processed through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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