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Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman Briefs the Media on January 26, 2018 OIS

On Friday, January 26, 2018 at approximately 12:08 a.m. patrol officers were called to the 11000 block of Giles Street to investigate a report of a shooting that ended up being a domestic violence related murder.

Officers obtained information that the suspect was 42 year old Axell Vivas, the husband of the victim. Officers also learned that Vivas left in a white Chrysler Sebring with Tennessee license plates. At approximately 2:40 a.m., patrol officers located Vivas in his vehicle in a nearby neighborhood, parked across from 11636 Elcadore Street.

Officers made contact with Vivas who exited his vehicle armed with a firearm. Officers made several attempts to de-escalate the situation and gave Vivas numerous commands to drop his weapon. Vivas refused to comply with the officer's commands and he pointed his firearm at officers. Two officers fired multiple rounds and Vivas was struck by the officer's gun fire. Medical personnel were immediately summoned and declared him deceased at the scene.

A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
<https://youtu.be/2JJ3veRsEXs>

This is the 1st officer involved shooting for 2018. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is currently investigating the officers' use of force in this incident. Their findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney for review.

An examination of this incident is being conducted by the LVMPD Critical Incident Review Team. This review will focus on policy, tactics and training as it relates to this use of force.

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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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