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Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman Discusses March 19, 2019 OIS

On March 19, 2019 at approximately 2:43 p.m., LVMPD Dispatch received a call of a family disturbance at 532 North 9th Street. The caller stated her brother, later identified as Steve Garcia, was armed with a loaded revolver and threaten to kill her and her father.

Officers quickly arrived and located Garcia outside in front of the residence armed with a gun. The officers issued multiple verbal commands to Garcia instructing him to drop the gun, but he refused to comply. Garcia pointed the firearm at the officers at which time four officers fired their weapons, striking Garcia.

Officers approached and immediately rendered medical aid. Medical personnel were summoned, and Garcia was transported to UMC Trauma where he succumbed to his injuries the next day.

A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
https://youtu.be/8I_zbGwD3MM

This is the 6th officer involved shooting of 2019. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is conducting the investigation into the officers use of force in this incident. The findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney's Office for review.

An examination of this incident is being conducted by the LVMPD's 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 about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Team at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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