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Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank Discusses March 29, 2018 O.I.S.

Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank met with members of the media today to discuss additional details about the officer involved shooting that occurred on March 29, 2018. At approximately 11:47 a.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to the apartments located at 2000 Paradise Road to investigate a report of a domestic violence incident. The caller stated her boyfriend had battered her. The man was later identified as 39-year-old Christopher Gatewood.

Arriving officers located the girlfriend outside of the apartment. The victim told officers that Gatewood had hit her and he was inside of the apartment armed with a knife. Officers knocked on Gatewood's door several times and could hear him yelling from the inside. Gatewood opened the door slightly and displayed a knife as he continued to yell profanities at the officers. Officers gave several verbal commands to Gatewood to drop the knife. Gatewood then exited the apartment, still armed with the knife and moved aggressively towards Officers Camacho and Rose. Both officers fired their handguns, striking Gatewood.

Officers immediately requested medical personnel for Gatewood. Arriving medical personnel pronounced him deceased at the scene.

A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jH_GoCphzM&feature=youtu.be

This is the 4th officer involved shooting of 2018. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is currently investigating the officer's use of force in this incident. Their findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney's Office for review.

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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.

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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