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Undersheriff Kevin McMahill Discusses May 6, 2017 O.I.S.

Undersheriff Kevin McMahill met with the media today to discuss additional details of the May 6, 2017 officer involved shooting. At approximately 11:07 p.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 5200 block of Shreve Avenue to investigate reports of a disturbance. A security guard reported that a man was armed with a shovel and was threatening him with it. A resident also called and described the suspect as acting erratically and was possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Officers arrived at the residence and made contact with the male suspect, later identified as 62-year-old Steven Price, who was leaning out of a second story window and yelling at them. Price's vehicle was parked outside with the engine running, the doors open, and music blaring.

Price exited the residence with a large pickaxe in one hand and a small hatchet in the other. Both officers gave Price verbal commands to drop the weapons, but he failed to do so. One of the officers fired two rounds from a department issued less than lethal shotgun, striking him twice. The rounds were ineffective, and Price then started to throw the hatchet towards Officer Matthew Terry. Officer Terry fired multiple rounds at Price from his duty handgun, and Price was struck several times. Even after being struck, Price made a two-handed throw of the large pickaxe at the officer that fired the low lethal rounds.

Medical personnel were immediately summoned and rendered aid to Price, but he was eventually pronounced deceased at the scene.

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A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
https://youtu.be/4_U7xOwHgPA.

This is the 5th officer involved shooting for 2017. 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 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.

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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