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Officer Injured by Gunfire During Traffic Stop

On July 10, 2015 at approximately 9:30 a.m., a marked patrol unit conducted a vehicle stop for a traffic infraction in the 5600 block of West Sahara Avenue. The driver of the vehicle did not immediately yield to the officer's signal to stop.

Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver immediately exited the driver side door and began shouting at the officer to shoot him. The driver was ordered to get back inside of his vehicle which he eventually did. At that point, the officer approached the driver side of the vehicle and began speaking with him. During the conversation, the suspect stated he was going to shoot himself and retrieved a handgun from the vehicle's passenger compartment. A struggle over the handgun then ensued between the officer and the suspect.

During that time, additional marked police units arrived to assist with the situation. At some point during the struggle in the suspect's vehicle, the suspect fired one round, striking one of the responding officers. Another officer approached the passenger side of the suspect's vehicle and shot the suspect.

The wounded officer was transported to UMC Trauma by a marked patrol unit and treated for a grazing wound to his neck.

The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identity of the deceased suspect, as well as the cause and manner of death, will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

This is the 4th officer-involved shooting of 2015. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved in this shooting will be released after 48 hours.

Captain Matt McCarthy of the LVMPD Office of Internal Oversight provided information regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
https://youtu.be/obO0RUenxl4

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information regarding 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, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com

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