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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## LVMPD Investigates 11<sup>th</sup> Officer Involved Shooting of 2017

On July 11, 2017 at approximately 1:08 p.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to a business in the 4100 block of North Rancho Drive to investigate reports of an attempted robbery and carjacking of a citizen.

Information learned by detectives indicated that a group of males drove to the business in a maroon pickup truck. Upon arrival, the males jumped out when one, armed with a knife, attempted to attack the others. The armed male got into the vehicle and confronted the driver. The driver pulled out a hammer and struck the suspect multiple times. The suspect then exited the vehicle and fled northbound on foot. Before leaving the scene, the victims notified business management.

At 1:23 p.m. a lone officer arrived and located the suspect, described as a white male adult wearing a teal shirt, black pants and carrying a black backpack, walking northbound on North Rancho Drive. The officer gave the suspect multiple verbal commands which were ignored. At some point, with the knife in his hand, the suspect charged toward the officer as he was exiting his marked patrol car. The officer fired at the suspect multiple times, striking him. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel.

Detectives wish to speak with the occupants of the maroon truck bearing Oklahoma license plate 353 FDI. They are believed to have information crucial to the investigation.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting of 2017. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved will be released after 48 hours.

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Sergeant Jeff Clark of the LVMPD Office of Public Information provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/JofyWtpoED8>

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](http://www.crimestoppersofnv.com). Tips leading directly to an arrest or indictment processed through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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