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Assistant Sheriff Todd Fasulo Discusses July 11, 2017 O.I.S.

Assistant Sheriff Todd Fasulo met with the media today to discuss additional details about a recent officer involved shooting. On Tuesday July 11, 2017, at 1:08 p.m. the LVMPD Communications Center received a call from a person reporting an attempted carjacking of a citizen in the parking lot of 4111 North Rancho Drive. The caller described the suspect, later identified as 27-year-old Caleb Blaylock, as being armed with a 10-inch knife. It was further reported that the victim of the attempted carjacking hit the suspect with a hammer and that the suspect fled the parking lot on foot. At 1:23 p.m. Officer William Pollock responded to the call in a marked patrol vehicle. Upon arrival he observed Blaylock walking northbound on Rancho Drive on the west side of the street.

As Officer Pollock approached Blaylock, he saw the suspect pull out a knife. He immediately gave Blaylock verbal commands to stop and drop the weapon. Blaylock refused to comply and continued walking northbound. From his patrol vehicle, Officer Pollock saw that Blaylock began to repeatedly stab himself, and broadcast the information over the police radio. He continued to issue verbal commands from his vehicle to Blaylock, which were ignored.

Officer Pollock stopped his vehicle and was beginning to exit when Blaylock, who was within nine feet, raised the knife and ran toward the open driver's side door of the patrol vehicle, grabbing the doorframe. From the driver's seat, Officer Pollock fired two rounds from his handgun, striking Blaylock who fell to the ground directly adjacent to the driver's door of the patrol vehicle. As Officer Pollock was issuing commands for the suspect to drop the knife, Blaylock sat up on his knees still holding the knife in a threatening manner as if he was going to stab the officer. Officer Pollock fired an additional four rounds while still seated in his vehicle striking Blaylock.

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Officer Pollock exited his vehicle, requested medical attention to the scene and took Blaylock into custody. Medical personnel arrived and declared Blaylock deceased at the scene.

A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
<https://youtu.be/vbJkZnE1IYQ>

This is the eleventh 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.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 702-385-5555, visit 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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