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LVMPD Investigates 15th Officer Involved Shooting of 2017

On August 1, 2017 at approximately 4:14 p.m., patrol officers from the Enterprise Area Command responded to a suspicious vehicle that was reported to be in the 4100 block West Tompkins Avenue. It was reported that there was a male passed out in the vehicle. The caller also indicated that he had been a victim of a burglary two days prior and had tracked his stolen cell phone to the area. The caller believed that the person in the vehicle was the suspect.

A two officer unit arrived and located the vehicle parked on the street. The officers parked their patrol car behind the suspect's vehicle and approached on foot. The officers gave the suspect verbal commands to exit the vehicle which he ignored. During the incident, one of the officers approached on the driver's side of the suspect vehicle. At some point, the suspect shot and struck the officer with gunfire. The wounded officer returned fire and both officers retreated to a position of cover. The second officer was also hit by gunfire in the duty belt but did not sustain any injuries. The suspect remained in the vehicle with unknown injuries and additional officers arrived. Officers established containment on the vehicle and gave the suspect numerous verbal commands through a patrol vehicles public address system to surrender. The suspect would not comply and the situation was treated as an armed barricaded suspect.

The LVMPD SWAT and Crisis Negotiation Team responded to take the armed barricaded suspect into custody. The suspect was unresponsive and officers from the LVMPD SWAT Team made a tactical approach and discovered the suspect was deceased in the vehicle.

The injured officer was transported by patrol car to the UMC Trauma Center where he

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remains in stable condition. The second officer that was at the scene of the shooting was not transported to the hospital.

Captain Kelly McMahon of the LVMPD Officer of Internal Oversight provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/P77yHBgXJOE> . This is the 15th officer involved shooting of 2017. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved will be released after 48 hours.

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