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## LVMPD Investigates 11th Officer Involved Shooting of 2018

On August 3, 2018 at approximately 9:15 p.m., A LVMPD Downtown Area Command patrol officer was contacted by a victim who stated she was kidnapped and sexually assaulted. The victim further stated the suspect was in an apartment located in the area of West Baltimore Avenue and Fairfield Avenue. Patrol detectives were contacted and they responded to the apartment.

Arriving officers contained the apartment and contacted the suspect by phone. Shortly after, two persons exited the apartment and they confirmed a third person was armed inside. Officers continued to contact the suspect and at some point a shot was fired from within the apartment towards officers. The LVMPD's SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiations Team responded and took over tactical control of the incident.

Over the next several hours, crisis negotiators attempted to have dialog with the suspect and have him surrender. During that time, the suspect stated he was not going to come out and that police would have to kill him. SWAT officers used several non-lethal tactics in attempts to have the suspect surrender. While those tactics were being deployed, the suspect would fire out towards officers and into the residential area.

On August 4, 2018 at approximately 1:15 p.m. LVMPD SWAT officers breached the apartment and contact the suspect who was armed. The preliminary investigation indicates two officers fired several rounds at the suspect striking him. Tactical medics attempted aid, however the suspect was pronounced deceased on scene.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting of 2018. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officers involved will be released after 48 hours.

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Captain Nichole Splinter of the Northeast Area Command provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/7ICiBaU37oM>

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Team at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at [www.crimestoppersofnv.com](http://www.crimestoppersofnv.com).

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