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## Assistant Sheriff Tim Kelly Discusses August 6, 2018 O.I.S.

Assistant Sheriff Tim Kelly met with members of the media today to discuss additional details of the August 6, 2018 officer involved shooting that took place at 2200 W. Bonanza Road. At approximately 12:40 p.m., police dispatch received a call from a property manager requesting a welfare check on a resident whose apartment was flooding, the door lock had been taken off, and the door had been barricaded with furniture. The resident was later identified as Spurgeon Daniels. Daniels had made comments that indicated he wanted to hurt himself and had been seen running naked around the complex earlier in the day.

Officers attempted to make contact with Daniels who refused to come to the door. The door to the apartment was not barricaded and the officers entered into the apartment. Daniels was standing in the kitchen with his right hand behind the counter and began to move towards the officers. Officer Stockton's Taser malfunctioned and a sergeant on scene gave Officer Stockton his Taser.

Daniels refused to follow verbal commands and continued to move towards the officers. Officer Stockton deployed his Taser, which caused Daniels to slump over a table as officers backed out of the apartment. As the Taser cycle ended, Daniels swung a knife at one of the officers, cutting him in the hand.

Officers fully retreated from the apartment and Daniels followed them still holding the knife. Officers gave Daniels numerous commands to drop the knife but he refused. Another officer deployed his Taser, which struck Daniels but was ineffective. The suspect then turned towards Officer Stockton and aggressively advanced towards him holding the knife.

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As Officer Stockton backed away, he fired two rounds striking Daniels. The suspect was transported to UMC Trauma where he was pronounced deceased. The officer who was cut on the hand by Daniels' knife was treated at UMC and released.

A video of today's press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/LqZ6POsL4ZI>

This is the 13th officer involved shooting of 2018. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is currently investigating the officers' use of force in this incident. Their findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney's Office 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 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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