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Undersheriff Kevin McMahon Discusses August 7, 2015 Officer Involved Shooting

LVMPD Undersheriff Kevin McMahon met with the media today, August 12, 2015 and discussed additional details of the August 7, 2015 officer involved shooting. On August 7, 2015 at approximately 8:49 a.m. LVMPD patrol officers responded to a residence located in the 6900 block of Berkshire Place to investigate a report of malicious destruction of property.

The victims advised officers that the suspect, Abel Correa, lived next door at 6990 Berkshire Place. The victims also told officers that they observed Abel breaking a window at their residence over a home video surveillance system. Officers Glen Taylor and Eli Prunchak went to 6990 Berkshire Place and made contact with the suspect's mother and brother. Abel's brother gave Officers Taylor and Prunchak permission to enter the residence to search for Abel.

As the officers were searching the residence, they repeatedly announced their presence and identified themselves. During the search, Abel's younger brother directed the officers to a closed closet door. As Officer Taylor opened the closet door, Abel charged from the closet toward Officer Prunchak with a screwdriver in one hand and a wrench in his other hand. Both of Abel's hands were raised over his head in an attack position. Officer Prunchak reeled back in a defensive position and fired four rounds at Correa. Simultaneously, Officer Taylor fired two rounds from his position.

Medical was immediately summoned for Abel, who was transported to the UMC Trauma Center, where he was ultimately pronounced deceased.

A video of today's briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

https://youtu.be/W8kex8Zs_h8

This is the 7th officer-involved shooting of 2015. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is currently investigating the officer's use of force in this case. Their findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney for review.

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An examination of this event 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 regarding 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, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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