

# Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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## LVMPD Investigates 13<sup>th</sup> Officer Involved Shooting of 2019

On August 19, 2019 at approximately 1:14 a.m., LVMPD officers were dispatched to an attempt robbery call at a business located in the 2300 block of Casino Drive in Laughlin, NV. According to the caller, a white male wearing a white shirt and black shorts pointed a firearm at an employee in the casino cage and demanded money. The employee refused to comply, and the suspect left the area in an unknown direction of travel.

At approximately 1:26 a.m., LVMPD dispatch received a call of a person shooting at a security guard near a business located in the 1900 block of Casino Drive. The suspect matched the description of the robbery attempt a few blocks away. The suspect had entered the business, walked to the casino cage holding a firearm and demanded money from an employee. Security was notified of the situation and the suspect exited the business. The suspect noticed a security guard following him and he turned towards the security guard and fired one round. The security guard was not injured.

As patrol officers arrived on scene, the suspect got into a vehicle and officers began to order the suspect to get out of the car. The suspect refused to exit, and special tactic units were requested. Multiple attempts were made to get the suspect to surrender peacefully but he refused to comply. At approximately 7:39 a.m., the suspect, who was standing outside of his vehicle, reached inside of the vehicle to retrieve his gun, then ran towards officers as he pointed the gun towards them. Officers fired multiple rounds, striking the suspect and he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting of 2019. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officers involved will be released after 48 hours.

Captain Nichole Splinter provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/2CnOBZCoohQ>

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