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Undersheriff Kevin McMahon Discusses August 23, 2015 Officer Involved Shooting

LVMPD Undersheriff Kevin McMahon met with the media today, August 27, 2015 and discussed additional details of the August 23, 2015 officer involved shooting. On August 23, 2015 at approximately 7:38 a.m. LVMPD patrol officers arrived on a call for a report of shots fired from a residence located at 416 Lakehurst Road.

Before officers arrived, the person reporting advised the dispatcher that the subject yelled that person reporting was not welcome in his home anymore. The person reporting additionally stated that the neighbor had multiple prior dealings with them.

Arriving officers attempted to make contact with the subject, later identified as 57 year-old William Snider. A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer made several attempts to communicate with Snider via a patrol car public address system. After Snider did not respond to officers, SWAT and negotiators were requested to respond to the scene. Prior to the arrival of SWAT, Snider was seen exiting the residence numerous times with a rifle. The other residents in Snider's home were able to exit without harm. Officers also attempted to safely evacuate the nearby residences.

As SWAT officers began to arrive, snipers Charles Moser, Michael Walters, and Cory Mickelson took up positions on different residential rooftops directly across the street from Snider's residence. Crisis negotiators, who were inside an armored vehicle (Bearcat), attempted to negotiate with Snider over the public address system. Snider exited the residence, armed with an assault rifle, and walked partially down the driveway. Snider was given numerous commands to drop the rifle by negotiators. Snider stopped in the driveway, raised the rifle, and pointed it towards the officers in the Bearcat and around it.

Seeing this, snipers Moser and Walters simultaneously fired their weapons, striking Snider in the chest and abdomen. SWAT officers immediately took Snider behind a position of cover, where they began to render aid.

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Snider was transported to the UMC Trauma Center where he was later pronounced deceased.

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

<https://youtu.be/8Dfb3Dvtt7w>

This is the 8th 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.

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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