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## LVMPD Investigates 9<sup>th</sup> Officer Involved Shooting in 2015

At approximately 3:17 a.m. on August 29, 2015 LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to a business located in the 5000 block of East Craig Road to investigate a report of a larceny from a person. During the investigation, officers and the victim of the larceny were able to identify the suspect vehicle in the area.

Officers stopped the suspect vehicle on East Cheyenne Avenue on the Interstate 15 overpass. Two occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody while a third occupant, observed to be carrying a handgun, ran from the vehicle. A uniformed LVMPD officer chased the suspect into a desert area and gave commands for the suspect to drop the gun but the suspect did not comply.

During the foot pursuit, the officer attempted to tase the suspect but the taser was ineffective. When the suspect and officer reached the intersection of Losee Road and East Sharp Circle, the suspect turned towards the officer with the firearm in his hand, and the officer fired multiple rounds from a duty weapon, striking the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody and additional officers arrived and rendered first aid. The suspect was transported to the UMC Trauma Center by medical personnel where he was later pronounced deceased.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting for 2015. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved will be released after 48 hours. The identity of the suspect, as well as the cause and manner of death, will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

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Captain Matt McCarthy of the LVMPD Office of Internal Oversight and Constitutional Policing provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/kmc0PnMLjPs>.

This incident remains under investigation. Anyone with any information 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](http://www.crimestoppersofnv.com).

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