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## LVMPD Investigates 17<sup>th</sup> Officer Involved Shooting for 2017

On September 24, 2017 at approximately 10:40 p.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to the area of West Charleston Boulevard and Palmhurst Drive to investigate a report of a suicidal man. The caller, who sounded intoxicated, indicated officers would have to shoot him or take him to jail. He also indicated he was armed with a gun. An officer located the man at the corner of Charleston and Palmhurst and took him into custody.

A records check of the man indicated he had a felony warrant for his arrest. He was transported to the Clark County Detention Center, but could not pass the booking process due to extreme intoxication, and was taken to the UMC Emergency Room. Once the suspect was at UMC, a police officer was assigned to watch over him. During the night it was determined the suspect would be at the hospital longer than expected. At that time, a corrections officer was assigned to relieve the police officer at UMC. The corrections officer brought a bag containing numerous items for the transfer of custody, which included a Taser electronic control device. That bag was placed in the room and the two officers stepped outside the door.

At that time, the suspect gained access to the Taser and put it on the floor next to him. A nurse and a security guard entered the room and were starting to attend to the suspect. The suspect quickly pulled the Taser out and pointed it in the direction of the security guard. The LVMPD officer, who was standing just outside of the room, came inside the room, and the suspect pointed the Taser at the officer. The officer fired one round from his handgun, striking the suspect who was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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Captain Kelly McMahon of the 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOCuBpweaPY>.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting of 2017. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved will be released after 48 hours.

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