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Undersheriff Kevin McMahill Discusses October 12, 2016 O.I.S.

Undersheriff Kevin McMahill met with the media today to discuss additional details of the October 12, 2016 officer involved shooting. At approximately 11:15 p.m., patrol officers from the LVMPD's Downtown Area Command saw a vehicle matching the description of a vehicle taken during a violent car-jacking out of the Henderson jurisdiction. The vehicle, a 2012 Nissan Rogue bearing a Nevada license plate of 773-YVV, was also reported to be related to a series of robberies in the Las Vegas and Henderson jurisdictions. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle in the area of Wyoming Avenue and Commerce Street, but the vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated.

The suspect and driver of the vehicle, later identified as 50-year-old Rex Wilson, led officers on a pursuit that went through several LVMPD area commands, and into the city of North Las Vegas, before returning to the LVMPD's jurisdiction. An attempt was made to forcibly stop the vehicle near the intersection of Charleston Boulevard and Decatur Boulevard using the PIT maneuver, but it was unsuccessful. Wilson eventually ran over deployed "Stop Sticks" at Sky Pointe and the North 215 beltway which deflated the vehicle's tires. Another PIT maneuver was conducted on the Westbound 215 beltway between North Fort Apache Road and North Hualapai Way, which pushed Wilson's vehicle onto the Eastbound 215 beltway.

Officers used their vehicles to block Wilson's vehicle after it crossed the center median. As four officers exited their patrol vehicles, Wilson produced what was described as a black, small framed handgun and pointed it in the direction of two of the officers. All four officers discharged their duty weapons, striking Wilson. With the use of a ballistic

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shield, officers approached Wilson to disarm him and render aid. Wilson was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel.

Through the course of the investigation, the weapon Wilson brandished was discovered to be a fake handgun made out of a sprayer nozzle wrapped in black tape. The investigation also revealed a family member had reported Wilson missing earlier on October 12, and had reported he was potentially a danger to himself. Detectives have also identified Wilson as a suspect in at least 16 robberies committed in the Las Vegas and Henderson jurisdictions beginning on October 3, 2016.

A video of today's press briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/mcT8OYDzklo>.

A compilation of surveillance videos from some of the robberies can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/kAfWJWkPw6c>.

Body worn camera footage from the incident can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/KxSubP08YCo>.

This is the 7th officer involved shooting of 2016. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is currently investigating the officers' use of force in this incident. Their findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney's Office for review.

An examination of this incident is also 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 about this incident is urged to call the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com, or text CRIMENV plus tip information to 274637 (CRIMES). Message and data rates may apply.

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