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Undersheriff Kevin McMahon Discusses October 15, 2015 O.I.S.

LVMPD Undersheriff Kevin McMahon met with the media today to discuss additional details of the October 15, 2015 officer involved shooting. At approximately 8:36 a.m. on October 15, 2015, a LVMPD plain clothes detective observed a white 4-door vehicle driving erratically near the intersection of Desert Inn Road and Valley View Boulevard. It was determined that the vehicle had been reported as embezzled out of California. The suspect in that case was identified as 50-year old Linda Lush, and the driver of the vehicle matched her description.

The detective requested marked patrol units who attempted to stop the vehicle near the intersection of West Sahara Boulevard and Rainbow Boulevard, but the driver fled. Those units did not pursue and the LVMPD helicopter provided surveillance.

The driver of the vehicle then drove north on Rainbow Boulevard, turned east on Charleston Boulevard, and then south on Jones Boulevard. At the intersection of Jones Boulevard and Sahara Avenue, a patrol officer observed the driver was holding a handgun.

The vehicle eventually stopped in a parking lot located in the 3400 block of South Jones Boulevard where the driver pointed the firearm at a citizen, who fled unharmed. The driver, later positively identified as Linda Lush, could be seen by patrol officers waving a firearm in the air.

SWAT officers started to arrive at approximately 9:20 a.m. and began to implement a tactical plan to immobilize the suspect's vehicle and prevent it from leaving the parking lot. At approximately 9:52 a.m. SWAT armored vehicles approached Lush's car from the front and the rear to prevent her from fleeing. At approximately 9:53 a.m. Lush fired 3 rounds in the direction of the armored vehicle approaching the front of her vehicle. That was also the direction of an occupied strip mall located on the west side of Jones Boulevard.

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SWAT Officers returned fire and struck Lush. A tactical medic on scene attempted to provide medical care to Lush, but she was pronounced deceased at approximately 10:10 a.m.

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

<https://youtu.be/sLd4fYTzko0>

This is the 11th officer involved shooting of 2015. 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 for review.

An examination of this incident 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 is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 702-385-5555, visit www.crimestoppersofNV.com or text: "CRIMENV" + tip information at 274637 (CRIMES). Message and Data rates may apply.

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