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LVMPD Investigates 13th Officer Involved Shooting of 2015

On December 14th 2015, at approximately 5:48 a.m., the LVMPD Dispatch Center received a call from an out of state resident stating a female who was residing at a residence in the 4500 block of Aviation Street was seen on a video taking medications and was suicidal. Patrol officers were dispatched to the residence and were unable to contact anyone at that time and cleared from the residence.

At approximately 10:40 a.m., the LVMPD call center received another call regarding the same female from a representative from a local psychiatric group. The caller reported that a suicidal female had taken excessive amounts of prescription medications and was armed with a firearm.

Patrol officers were dispatched to the residence and a Crisis Intervention Team trained officer contacted the female by telephone. During the conversation with the officer, she stated she was armed and would shoot it out with officers. A short time after, she exited the residence with a handgun and pointed it towards officers who had assembled in the area and went back inside.

Officers from the LVMPD SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators responded to the scene to de-escalate the situation. A constant communication line had been kept with the female and she would not adhere to any request by negotiators. She then again exited the residence with a handgun pointing it at officers in the area and immediately went back inside.

Negotiations continued at which point the female came back outside with a shotgun pointed at her chin. She tried to manipulate the weapon in an apparent attempt to shoot herself. She was unable to do so and raised the shotgun towards officers in the area. At that time, two LVMPD SWAT snipers shot her. She was immediately given aid by an on scene tactical medic but succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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This is the 13th officer involved shooting of 2015. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officers 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.

Sergeant Jeff Clark of the LVMPD Office of Public Information provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/Aq1hJ0I71vQ>

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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