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Assistant Sheriff Todd Fasulo Discusses December 14, 2015 OIS #14

Assistant Sheriff Todd Fasulo met with the media today to discuss additional details of a December 14, 2015 officer involved shooting. At approximately 8:20 p.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to the 300 block of North Nellis Boulevard to investigate a report of an armed robbery to a citizen. Arriving officers confirmed an armed robbery had occurred and the victim provided a vehicle description and license plate of the suspect vehicle.

Uniformed patrol officers then went to the registered owner's address of 3869 King Palm Avenue to try and locate the vehicle. When officers arrived, they located the vehicle, a 2006 Lexus, in the driveway of 3869 King Palm Avenue. There were three individuals standing around the vehicle and patrol officers immediately started issuing verbal commands to the subjects to lie down on the ground. The subjects hesitated, but eventually followed the officers' lawful orders.

As the officers were issuing their commands, Roberto Sanchez exited 3869 King Palm with a handgun in his hand. Officers challenged Sanchez and told him numerous times to drop the weapon. Sanchez refused and raised the handgun from his side, pointing it at officers. At that point one officer fired several rounds, hitting Sanchez. Sanchez then retreated back into the residence and collapsed.

At 8:54 p.m. a person inside the residence called 911 stating Sanchez had been shot by police and was deceased. Officers assembled and entered the residence to provide aid to Sanchez. Medical personnel arrived and transported Sanchez to UMC Trauma where he was pronounced deceased.

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

https://youtu.be/7li_rqOluts

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This is the 14th 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, 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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