

OFFICER'S REPORT

Event #: 120421-0390

USE OF FORCE / FATAL

SUBJECT

DIVISION REPORTING: INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

DIVISION OF OCCURRENCE: PATROL DIVISION  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMAND (W1)

DATE & TIME OCCURRED: Saturday, April 21st, 2012  
0412 Hours

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 2333 N. Jones Blvd. Las Vegas, NV

NARRATIVE:

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

**Officer Todd Edwards P# 9035**  
Patrol Division  
Date of Hire: -2006 (6 years of service)  
Weapon: Panther Arms AR-15, .223 caliber rifle

**Officer Troung Thai P# 6263**  
Patrol Division  
Date of Hire: 1999 (13 years of service)  
Weapon: Glock .45 caliber handgun

**Officer Christopher Grivas P# 8759**  
Patrol Division  
Date of Hire: -2005 (7 years of service)  
Weapon: Springfield Armory .45 caliber handgun

**K-9 Officer Melvin English P# 4342**  
Special Operations Division  
Date of Hire 1992 (20 years of service)  
Weapon: Wilson Combat .45 caliber handgun

**Officer Matthew Cook P# 8088**  
Patrol Division  
Date of Hire: -2003 (9 years of service)  
Weapon: Remington 12 gauge shotgun

Date and Time of Report: Aug. 13, 2012

Officer: T. Williams P#: 3811

Approved By: [Signature]

Officer: B. Jensen P#: 3662

SIGNATURE: [Signature] # 3811

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**SUSPECT:**

Sharmel Edwards  
LVMPD ID# 1980683  
DOB: 1962, SS#  
(Also uses SS#:  
Black female,  
5'03", 120 Lbs., Black, Brown  
2701 N. Rainbow Blvd. #1077  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Employed at Serenity Mental Health

**Suspect Weapon:** Springfield model 1911 .45 semi-automatic pistol  
stainless steel, Serial Number

Registered Owner: Kenneth Droog  
7609 Flourish Springs St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

**Vehicle:** 2001 Cadillac Deville, red, four door,  
handicap plate: PHA2079 NV

Registered Owner: Kenneth Droog  
7609 Flourish Springs St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89108  
(Reported stolen under Event# 120421-0390)

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**I. SYNOPSIS:**

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0148 hours, Kenneth Droog called 9-1-1 and reported that his friend, Sharmel Edwards, had stolen his vehicle. Droog described his vehicle as a red, 2001 Cadillac Deville. Droog informed the call taker that his .45 caliber pistol was in the center console of the car. Officer Edwards responded to Droog's residence at 7609 Flourish Springs Street and completed a stolen vehicle report under LVMPD Event # 120421-0390.

At approximately 0337 hours, Officer Edwards located the stolen Cadillac traveling eastbound on Smoke Ranch Road at Torrey Pines Drive. Officer T. Thai soon arrived to assist. They followed the vehicle to the south parking lot of 2333 N. Jones Boulevard where they conducted a felony car stop. The sole occupant of the stolen vehicle, Sharmel Edwards, sat in the vehicle while officers negotiated with her to surrender. After approximately thirty-seven minutes of negotiations, Edwards exited the front driver's side door of the vehicle with a pistol in her hands. Five of the officers near her fired their weapons striking Edwards numerous times. Emergency medical personnel arrived and attended to Edwards, but found no signs of life.

**II. PERSONS AT THE SCENE:**

**A. PATROL DIVISION**

1.	Officer T. Edwards	P# 9035
2.	Officer C. Grivas	P# 8759
3.	Officer M. Cook	P# 8088
4.	Officer T. Thai	P# 6263
5.	Officer T. Lilienthal	P# 10141
6.	Officer C. Belt	P# 13694
7.	Officer A. Brumaghin	P# 13756
8.	Officer J. Landers	P# 8073
9.	Officer J. Bowers	P# 13419
10.	Officer R. Sorensen	P# 12959
11.	Officer D. Vietmeier	P# 13825
12.	Officer C. Hall	P# 13933
13.	Officer J. Landers	P# 8073
14.	Officer T. O'Neill	P# 6067
15.	Officer B. Sakoff	P# 9681
16.	Officer J. Ballinger	P# 12900
17.	Officer D. Maruyama	P# 10010
18.	Officer E. Morris	P# 13248

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19.	Officer C. Morales	P# 8788
20.	Officer B. McFarlane	P# 13740
21.	Officer G. Wilson	P# 9177
22.	Officer C. Knight	P# 13802
23.	Officer R. Bell	P# 5786
24.	Officer B. Brown	P# 13080
25.	Officer C. Staheli	P# 9705
26.	Officer J. Rogers	P# 13525
27.	Officer K. Celaya	P# 13524
28.	Officer C. Palmira	P# 13807
29.	Officer C. Weaver	P# 13750
30.	Officer C. Lavole	P# 13817
31.	Officer C. Sjoblom	P# 9180
32.	Officer M. Torsiello	P# 13149
33.	Officer W. Gonzalez	P# 8886
34.	Officer J. Martin	P# 6596
35.	Officer B. McKearney	P# 10049
36.	Officer W. Mosher	P# 8726
37.	Officer J. Prall	P# 8714
38.	Officer K. Deleonard	P# 9671
39.	Officer S. Pace	P# 12879
40.	Officer J. Edens	P# 9874
41.	Officer S. Killeen	P# 9675
42.	Cadet C. Beal	P# 14111
43.	Sgt. M. Langgin	P# 4078
44.	Sgt. G. Mahoney	P# 3173
45.	Sgt. M. Campbell	P# 6743
46.	Sgt. T. Barker	P# 4106
47.	Sgt. R. Rodriguez	P# 6490
48.	Sgt. R. Bohanon	P# 5652
49.	Sgt. Z. Burns	P# 7577
50.	Lt. T. Glaude	P# 5810
51.	Lt. D. Gordon	P# 3965
52.	Lt. D. Zehnder	P# 5097
53.	Capt. J. McGrath	P# 4347

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**B. LVMPD K-9 UNITS**

1.	Officer M. English	P# 4342
2.	Officer S. Carrillo	P# 7165
3.	Officer C. Overson	P# 6035
4.	Sgt. D. Newberry	P# 4956
5.	Lt. T. Monahan	P# 2936
6.	Capt. C. Hank	P# 3803

**C. AIR SUPPORT DETAIL**

1.	Officer S. Basner	P# 8784
2.	Officer D. Brooks	P# 7947

**D. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTION**

1.	Sgt. M. Pagnotta	P# 5300
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**E. CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM**

1.	Detective J. Herring	P# 5241
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**F. SWAT**

1.	Officer P. Dapra	P# 3810
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**G. MAJOR CRIMES SECTION**

1.	Detective D. Barringer	P# 7178
2.	Detective B. Kowalski	P# 8550
3.	Officer D. Denton (ride along)	P# 7306
4.	Sgt. M. Maines	P# 4040

**H. HOMICIDE SECTION**

1.	Detective Jensen	P# 3662
2.	Detective T. Williams	P# 3811
3.	Detective C. Bunn	P# 4407
4.	Detective C. O'Brien	P# 6801
5.	Detective T. Ivie	P# 6405

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| 6. | Detective T. Sanborn | P# 5450 |
| 7. | Sgt. P. Fabian       | P# 3705 |
| 8. | Lt. R. Steiber       | P# 3542 |
| 9. | Capt. C. Jones       | P# 4531 |

**I. CRIMINALISTICS**

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|-----|------------------------|----------|
| 1.  | SCSA T. Martin         | P# 5946  |
| 2.  | CSA R. McPhail         | P# 3326  |
| 3.  | CSA D. Brotherson      | P#4931   |
| 4.  | CSA R. Dahn            | P# 5957  |
| 5.  | CSA J. Scott           | P# 9618  |
| 6.  | CSA D. Carvouniaris    | P# 12712 |
| 7.  | CSA S. Lynch           | P# 13206 |
| 8.  | CSA L. Cornell         | P# 13576 |
| 9.  | CSA N. Marian          | P# 14401 |
| 10. | Director R. McLaughlin | P# 4170  |

**J. AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR)**

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|----|------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. | J. Dardano | #3654 | Unit 5923 |
| 2. | N. Weaver  | #3644 | Unit 5923 |

**K. CLARK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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|----|-----------|---------|-----------|
| 1. | D. Dennon | #982819 | Rescue 43 |
| 2. | R. Macias | #987715 | Rescue 43 |
| 3. | C. Baxter | #986643 | Rescue 43 |

**L. CLARK COUNTY CORONERS OFFICE**

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|----|-----------|--|
| 1. | M. Murphy | Clark County Coroner                                 |
| 2. | P. Tenuta | Coroner's Investigator<br>(Pronounced at 1000 hours) |

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**M. DAVIS FUNERAL HOME**

1. B. Clay Attendant
2. A. Luque Attendant

**N. POLICE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PEAP)**

1. M. Causey P# 5233
2. L. Tellez P# 7532
3. J. Levy P# 6648

**O. P.P.A. / P.M.S.A. REPRESENTATIVES/ATTORNEYS**

1. P.P.A. Attorney Kathy Collins
2. P.M.S.A. Representative Sergeant Noah Grimm

**P. LVMPD ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL**

1. Deputy Chief J. Owens P# 3409
2. Deputy Chief K. O'Connor P# 3079

**Q. CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

1. Steve Wolfson District Attorney
2. William Falkner Chief Investigator

**R. OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (PIO)**

1. J. Rivera P# 4417

**S. CRITICAL INCIDENT REVIEW TEAM (CIRT)**

1. C. Jex P# 5597
2. R. Golgart P# 4647
3. Lt. J. LaRochelle P# 4353

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**III. INCIDENT OVERVIEW:**

(Times are approximate per the CAD report.)

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 1745 hours: Sharmel Edwards arrived at the Saddle and Spurs Saloon and met with Margo Hunt. She stayed approximately thirty minutes and drank one beer. She told Hunt that she had a date that evening with Kenneth Droog.
- 1830 hours: Droog picked Edwards up at her apartment.
- 2000 hours: Droog and Edwards arrived at Droog's home at 7609 Flourish Springs. They spent time drinking alcohol and sitting in a hot tub.
- 2200 hours: Droog fell asleep.
- 2300 hours: Edwards returned to the Saddle and Spurs Saloon and began drinking beer.  
(It is believed that Edwards drove Droog's car to the bar.)

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 0100 hours: Droog awoke and discovered Edwards and his Cadillac were gone.  
  
Edwards was still drinking at the bar.
- 0148 hours: After trying to contact Edwards on her cell phone, Droog contacted the police and reported his car stolen. He also advised police that there was a handgun in the vehicle.
- 0200 hours: Officer T. Edwards was dispatched to Droog's home to investigate the theft of his vehicle. He completed a crime report listing Sharmel Edwards as the suspect. He then attempted to locate the stolen vehicle.
- 0300 hours: Edwards arrived at her apartment looking for her cell phone.



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- 0337 hours: Officer Edwards saw Sharmel Edwards driving Droog's Cadillac at Smoke Ranch and Torrey Pines. He advised the dispatcher and followed the stolen car until back-up units arrived.
- 0339 hours: Officer Cook and Officer T. Thai arrived to assist Officer Edwards in conducting a felony car stop.
- Sharmel Edwards pulled into the south end of the parking lot at 2333 N. Jones Boulevard and stopped in the middle of the drive.
- Officer Thai began ordering Sharmel Edwards to exit the vehicle.
- 0340 hours: Officers announced via the radio that Edwards was not complying with the officer's orders.
- 0344 hours: The Air Unit arrived.
- 0346 hours: Officer Edwards announced he had deployed a rifle.
- Officer Thai began to give verbal commands to Sharmel Edwards over the PA system requesting that she exit the vehicle.
- 0352 hours: Sgt. G. Mahoney arrived.
- 0357 hours: Sgt. Mahoney requested that emergency medical personnel respond and stage nearby.
- 0403 hours: Sgt. Mahoney requested a CIT officer respond to the scene.
- Officer Lilienthal (already enroute) arrived and began negotiations with Edwards.
- 0410 hours: The situation was deemed a "barricaded suspect" and LVMPD S.W.A.T. was notified.

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- 0417 hours: Edwards exited the Cadillac armed with Droog's handgun and pointed it at the officers. Five officers fired their weapons at Edwards, striking her numerous times.
- 0423 hours: Sgt. Mahoney requested to expedite medical. Emergency medical personnel arrived and began life saving measures on Edwards.
- 0431 hours: The LVMPD Homicide Section was notified.
- 0432 hours: Edwards was declared dead.
- 0439 hours: Homicide detectives arrived at the scene and assumed responsibility of the investigation.

**IV. SCENE WALK-THRU:**

On 04-21-2012, Sgt. Mahoney, Sgt. Langgin, Officer Lilienthal, and Officer Carillo all provided a walk-thru of the shooting scene. Present during the walk-thru were Detective T. Williams, Detective B. Jensen, Sgt. P. Fabian, CSA Supervisor T. Martin, Director of CSA, R. Mclaughlin, Lt. R. Steiber, Capt. C. Jones, PPA Attorney Kathy Collins, PMSA Representative Sgt. Noah Grimm, Deputy Chief K. O'Connor, Deputy Chief J. Owens, Clark County District Attorney S. Wolfson, Clark County District Attorney's Chief Investigator William Falkner.

See each of the officer's transcribed statements for details of the walk-thru.

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V. DESCRIPTION OF SCENE AND VISIBLE EVIDENCE:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCENE

Detective Jensen along with CSA's T. Martin, N. Marian, L. Cornell, S. Lynch, R. McPhail, D. Carvouniaris and J. Scott examined the crime scene for evidence. CSA Lynch photographed the scene. The evidence was collected by CSA Cornell. CSA Marian completed a crime scene diagram. CSA McPhail, and CAS Carvouniaris along with Detective Sanborn, completed the countdowns on the involved officer's firearms in the LVMPD Mobile Command Post vehicle at the scene. CSA McPhail, CSA Dahn and CSA Carvouniaris along with Detectives O'Brien and Ivie completed the countdowns of the witness officer's firearms at the LVMPD Homicide Office.

The scene was located in the south parking lot of 2333 N. Jones Boulevard, located on the southeast corner of Jones Boulevard and Smoke Ranch Road. A 2001, Maroon, Cadillac bearing Nevada (handicapped) license plate A20779 was parked facing east. The front driver's side door and front passenger's side door were open. The front driver's side door window was down. A Springfield 1911, .45 caliber bearing Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ was on the ground just north of the left rear tire and south of the body (CSA #17). The weapon was cocked and the safety on. The weapon had one "S & B 45 Auto" .45 caliber cartridge in the chamber and six, "S & B 45 Auto" .45 caliber cartridges in the magazine which was seated in the magazine well. The magazine seated in the magazine well had a thirteen round capacity.

There were five bullet fragments (CSA #25, #26, #27, #28, and #29) on the ground northeast of the Cadillac's left side rear tire. There was a bullet fragment under the Cadillac (CSA #22). There was a bullet strike on the left rear door, near the front driver's side door. There was a bullet hole in the driver's side rocker panel, just below the front driver's side door. There were two bullet strikes in the lower portion of the front driver's side door. There were seven bullet strikes in the driver's side front tire. There were two bullet strikes in the weather stripping on the lower portion of the opened driver's side door. There were two bullet strikes on the ground north of Cadillac. There was damage to the left front fender.

Inside the Cadillac there was a bullet hole in the driver's side door well. There were three bullet strikes and one bullet hole in the driver's side dash near the "A" pillar. There was a bullet hole in the left side of the steering wheel just below the cross beam. There was a related bullet hole in the driver's side dash above the dashboard's instrument panel. There were three apparent bullet strikes in the front windshield. There were shot pellets and debris on the front driver's side floorboard (CSA #20). There was a shot hull on the front passenger's floorboard (CSA #21). *In order to retrieve evidence, the CSA cut open the left front tire of the Cadillac. Inside the tire was a shot pellet fragments and*

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*debris* (CSA #31). In the center console of the Cadillac was a cloth holster and a Colt .45 caliber magazine loaded with six "S & B 45 Auto" .45 caliber cartridges.

Parked directly behind the Cadillac was marked LVMPD patrol vehicle #NW10305 (assigned to Officer Edwards). The front driver side and front passenger side doors were open. Both spotlights were on and the engine was on. Parked directly behind patrol vehicle #NW10305, was patrol vehicle #NW10125 (assigned to Officer Cook). The front driver's side door was open and the engine was on. The driver's side spot light was on. Parked behind patrol vehicle #NW10125, was patrol vehicle #BA10195 (assigned to Officer Belt). The doors were closed and the engine off.

A black, Ford Mustang bearing Nevada license plate 689WZE was parked facing north and was just north of patrol vehicle #NW10305. A "Speer 45 Auto" cartridge casing (CSA #30) was on the driver's side windshield resting on the wiper blade. A 12 gauge, 00 buck, shot shell (CSA #15) was on the ground behind the Ford near the rear driver's side. A 12 gauge, 00 buck, shot shell (CSA #16) was on the ground near the driver's side rear tire. A "Speer 45 Auto" cartridge casing (CSA #13) was on the passenger's side of the Ford, on the ground, near the right rear tire. The Ford was photographed with no damages due to the shooting noted.

A water kiosk was west of the black Ford. The water kiosk was just north of patrol vehicles #NW10125 and #BA10195. North of the water kiosk was marked LVMPD K-9 vehicle #9584 (assigned to K-9 Officer Overson). The doors were locked and the engine on. Northeast of K-9 vehicle #9584 was patrol car #NW10324 (assigned to Officer Grivas). The doors were closed and the engine off, the take down lights were on. On the ground, behind patrol vehicle #NW10324, was a "Speer 45 Auto" cartridge casing (CSA #7). K-9 vehicle #9578 (assigned to K-9 Officer English) was parked north of patrol vehicle #NW10324. The doors were closed and the engine on. On the ground near the driver's side of K-9 vehicle #9578, were six rifle cartridge casings (CSA markers #1 thru #6). Three .223 caliber casings (CSA #1, #2, and #6) were head stamped "FC 11 223 Rem" and three .223 caliber casings (CSA #3, #4, and #5) were head stamped "FC 223 Rem."

Vehicle #NW10292 (assigned to Officer Thai) was parked southeast of vehicle #NW10324 and K-9 vehicle #9578. Vehicle #NW10292 was parked facing southeast and was angled toward the suspect vehicle. The front driver's side door and front passenger's side door were open. Both spot lights were on. The headlights and take down lights were on and the engine on. There was one "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber cartridge casing (CSA marker 9) on the ground, just north of vehicle #NW10292. There was one "Speer 45 Auto" casing (CSA marker 8) on the ground behind vehicle #NW10292. There were three "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber casings (CSA #10, #11, and #12) on the ground, near the passenger's side of vehicle #NW10292. There was a .45

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caliber magazine (CSA #14) on the ground, near the front passenger's door. The magazine contained eight "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber cartridges. The magazine belonged to Officer Grivas who conducted a speed reload of his firearm during or immediately after the shooting.

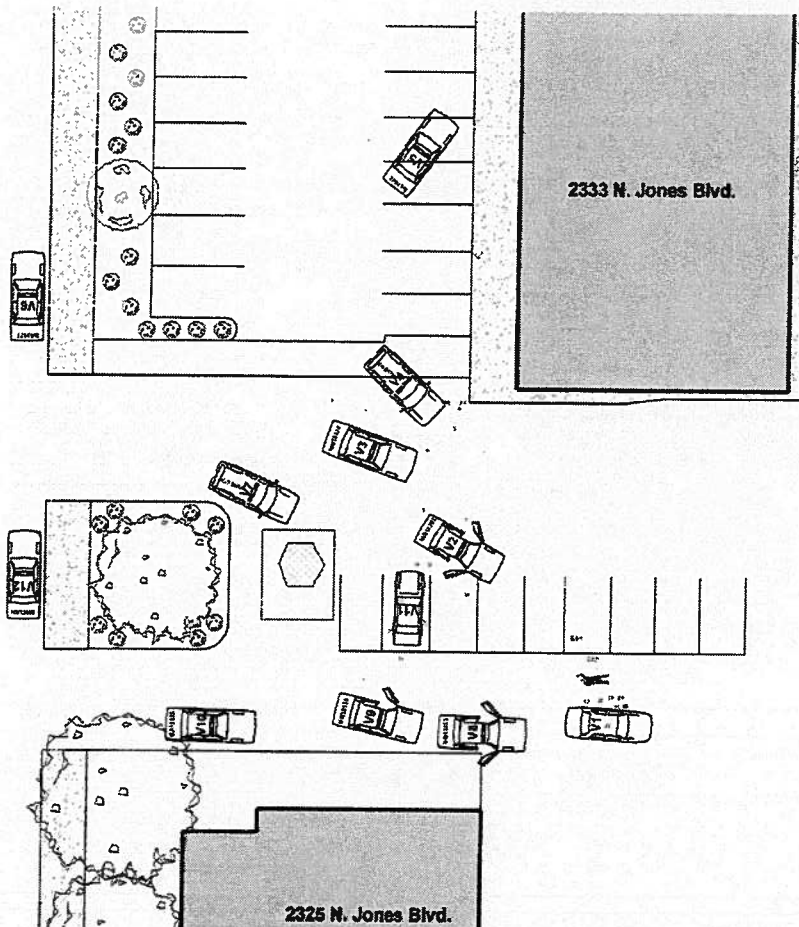
In the alley, southeast of the Cadillac was a shot hull (CSA #18). In the alley, south of the shot hull was a bullet fragment (CSA #19). On the west side of the alley and southeast of the Cadillac was a blue, metal garbage bin. There was a bullet strike in the front side of the blue garbage bin.

Vehicle #BA1942 (assigned to Sergeant Langgin) was parked in the parking lot of 2333 N. Jones Boulevard, facing north and was north of K-9 vehicle #9578. Vehicle #BA1942 was not parked in the immediate scene. Vehicle #BA1677 (assigned to Officer Lilienthal) was parked on the east side of Jones Boulevard, just north of the south entrance to 2333 N. Jones Boulevard, facing south. Vehicle #BA1677 was not parked in the immediate scene. Vehicle #NW10330 (assigned to Sergeant Mahoney) was parked on the east side of Jones Boulevard, between the north and south entrances to 2333 N. Jones Boulevard. Vehicle #NW10330 was not parked in the immediate scene. K-9 vehicle #9666, (assigned to K-9 Officer Carillo) was parked on the east side of Jones Boulevard, approximately fifty yards south of the south entrance to 2333 N. Jones Boulevard. Vehicle #9666 was not parked in the immediate scene.

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 2318 hours, CSA D. Brotherson arrived at the North West Area Command where she met with Officer L. Morton P# 13655. CSA Brotherson recovered a "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber casing from the left side of the trunk lip of marked vehicle #NW10292.

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2333 N. Jones Blvd.  
Subject: Sharmel Edwards  
04-21-2012  
N14401M

Evidence

- ITEM #'S:  
1-6: Rifle Cartridge Cases  
7-13: .45 Caliber Cartridge Cases  
14: .45 Caliber Magazine  
15-16: Shot Shell Cases  
17: Springfield 1911-A1 Handgun  
18: Red Shot Wad  
19: Jacket Fragment  
22: Jacket Fragment (located under VS)  
25: Jacket Fragment  
26: Bullet Fragment  
27: Jacket Fragment  
28: Bullet Fragment  
29: Bullet Fragment  
30: .45 Caliber Cartridge Case  
31: Bullet Fragments

85= Bullet Strike

**B. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE BODY**

The body of Sharmel Edwards was covered by two yellow police trauma blankets. When the blankets were removed, the body was found lying supine with the head toward the west and the feet toward the east. The left arm was extended away from the body and bent at the elbow. The left palm was exposed with the index finger and thumb partially bent at the second knuckle. The right arm was down by the side with the right hand tucked under the right buttock. The body was dressed in a loose fitting, black dress with spaghetti straps over the shoulders, pink leopard print panties and black flip flop type sandals. The dress was cut by medical personnel, exposing a partially nude body.

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VI. AUTOPSY:

On 04-22-2012 at approximately 0800 hours, an autopsy was performed on the body of Sharmel Edwards at the office of the Clark County Coroner Medical Examiner.

A. PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

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|----|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Doctor Alane Olson    | Medical Examiner    |
| 2. | Jim Bichsel           | Forensic Technician |
| 3. | Jolie Ballard         | Forensic Technician |
| 4. | Eden Harrington       | Forensic Technician |
| 5. | CSA A. Petersen       | Criminalistics      |
| 6. | Detective B. Jensen   | Homicide            |
| 7. | Detective T. Williams | Homicide            |
| 8. | Sgt. P. Fabian        | Homicide            |

B. EVIDENCE IMPOUNDS

1. One (1) bullet
2. One (1) bullet
3. One (1) bullet
4. Five (5) bullet fragments
5. Black dress
6. Pink print panties
7. Black sandals
8. Buccal Swab
9. Finger Print Exemplars

C. INJURIES

1. Large gunshot wound to upper left breast.
2. Large gunshot wound to the left armpit corresponding with wound #1.
3. Large grazing gunshot wound to the right breast.
4. Large gunshot wound to the right, rear, upper arm.
5. Large gunshot wound, to the right, inner, upper arm, corresponding with gunshot wound #4.
6. Large gunshot wound to center back (below wound #11) just left of center, also corresponding with wound #4.
7. Large gunshot wound to the right, rear, upper arm, just above the elbow and below wound #4.

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8. Large gunshot wound, to the inner, upper arm below wound #5 corresponding with gunshot wound #7.
9. Scrape on right elbow.
10. Large gunshot wound to the back on upper right shoulder.
11. Small gunshot wound upper back just left of center (above wound #6)
12. Large gunshot wound to the right side of the upper back.
13. Large gunshot wound to the right side of the back, corresponding with wound #12.
14. Large gunshot wound to the right side of the back, also corresponding with wound #12.
15. Small gunshot wound below and to the left of wound #12.
16. Several small superficial wounds in close proximity to wounds #12, #13, and #14.
17. Small gunshot wound to left lower center of back at belt line.
18. Small gunshot wound to lower left back just below belt line.
19. Several small superficial wounds on the back, above and below the belt line.
20. Small gunshot wound to lower right buttocks.
21. Large gunshot wound to the inner right thigh, corresponding with wound #20.
22. Several superficial wounds on the inner right thighs and lower buttocks.
23. Gunshot wound to right heel.
24. Gunshot wound to the inner heel corresponding with wound #23.

(It is believed that the *superficial wounds* were caused by bullet fragments that struck the ground prior to impacting Edward's body, however, since multiple .223 caliber rifle, .45 caliber pistol, and 00 buck shotgun projectiles were fired at Edwards simultaneously, it is difficult to arrive at a definitive conclusion as to which type of projectile caused some of the wounds.)

D. EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION

1. Intravenous bag
2. EKG pads
3. PICC line in left shin



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E. ITEMS RETAINED BY CORONER

1. One (1) pair of gold hoop earrings

D. RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY

After a complete autopsy, Dr. Olson determined the cause of death was from multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death was homicide.

**VII. INVESTIGATION:**

The synopsis of witness interviews were created by the detective(s) conducting the interview; the substance of which was learned during contact, interview and/or from the statement of the witness.

**CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS**

Kenneth Droog  
LVMPD ID# 2517579  
DOB: -1945, SS#  
7609 Flourish Springs  
Las Vegas, NV 89147

Owner of Smoke Ranch Junction Bar

On Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2012 at about 0635 hours, Detectives C. Bunn and D. Barringer interviewed Kenneth Droog. In addition, Detective Williams had several conversations with Droog over the telephone and in his home. During these contacts with detectives Droog related the following information: Droog picked up Sharmel Edwards at about 1830 hours on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April for a dinner date. Droog said he suffers from Parkinson's disease which affects his memory. Droog cannot recall if he picked Edwards up at her apartment at the Paradiseo Apartments at Rainbow and Smoke Ranch, or if it was at his bar, the *Smoke Ranch Junction* (also at Rainbow and Smoke Ranch). They returned to his house and after some drinks and time in the hot tub, Droog went to bed around 10:00 PM. Droog claimed there were no problems between the two that night and Edwards seemed happy. Edwards was still in the hot tub when Droog went to bed.

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When he woke up at approximately 0100 hours, Droog realized the keys to his car and the car were missing. Droog attempted to call Edwards on her cellular phone

at 0138 hours but she did not answer. Droog then called the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to report his car stolen. Droog said Edwards was a patron at his bar and that they have dated in the past. Droog said Edwards had been at his home on at least five previous occasions and this would have been the second time she spent the night. Droog said his clothes were on the dining table when he went to bed. His wallet, keys for his home, bar and Cadillac were left in the clothes. When he awoke, he discovered the keys for the bar and the Cadillac were missing. Droog said he had a Springfield 1911 .45 ACP, Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ semi-automatic handgun in the car. The weapon was loaded and an extra magazine was with the weapon in the center console. Droog said the weapon was out of the holster but the holster was also in the console. When asked about the ammunition in the weapon, Droog presented a Federal full metal jacket cartridge as an example of the ammunition loaded in the firearm.

Droog said there was never any arguing or dispute between them and he was surprised she took the car. When asked if Edwards had permission to take the car Droog said no and added he didn't allow his own children to drive his car. Droog said neither he nor Edwards used drugs to his knowledge and they had only had a couple of martinis during the evening. Edwards had never said anything about having any kind issue or problem with the police.

Droog could not explain why Edwards would have stolen his car. Droog thought Edwards was too intoxicated to drive and believed that since Edwards had stolen and damaged his car, she would have been very afraid to face him.

For additional information refer to Droog's transcribed statement.

Margo Fox  
LVMPD ID# 1130405  
DOB: -1965, SS#  
4908 Cascade Pools Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV  
Employed at Saddle and Spurs Saloon (Bartender)

On 04-26-2012 at approximately 1541 hours, Detective C. Bunn and Detective M. Wildemann took a recorded statement from Margo Fox in her home where she related the following: Fox was a friend of Sharmel Edwards. She met Edwards four years ago at the Smoke Ranch Junction Bar; Fox worked there as a bartender and Edwards was a regular customer. When Fox was fired from the Smoke Ranch Junction bar by Kenneth

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Droog, Fox began working at the Saddle and Spurs Saloon and Edwards would visit her there.

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, on the night prior to the shooting, Edwards came into the bar at approximately 0545 hours for a quick beer. While there, she received a call from Droog. Edwards told Fox that Droog was going to pick her up and take her to his house. The two had been dating for about a year. Fox did not notice anything unusual with Edward's demeanor and said that Edwards was happy.

Later that evening at approximately 2300 hours, Edwards returned to the bar. Edwards was drinking beer alone and didn't seem to be with anyone particular at the bar. When Fox left the bar at approximately 0100 hours, Edwards was still there. Fox did not recall seeing Edward's vehicle or Droog's Cadillac in the parking lot. Fox did not notice anything unusual with Edwards at that time and didn't think Edwards was drunk, upset, or depressed. Fox was not aware of any illegal drug use by Edwards.

Fox and Edwards had discussed a previous police shooting near the Smoke Ranch Junction where the police shot and killed a man in his car. They talked about the police being trigger happy and that if the police stopped you or told you to do something, you had better do it because they will shoot. Fox did not believe Edwards had a problem with police officers.

See Fox's transcribed statement for further details.

Kenneth Livingston  
LVMPD ID# 1136604  
DOB: .1965, SS#  
2345 Mallard Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0620 hours, Detective O'Brien P# 6801 knocked on the door of 2345 Mallard Street. No one answered the door however at approximately 0640 hours a male came out into the driveway of the residence. That person identified himself as Kenneth Livingston, the homeowner. Livingston related the following: he was at home in bed sleeping with his wife. They were awakened by the sound of a voice stating, "Driver put your hands out of the window." He said he listened to this over and over for approximately twenty minutes. He described the sounds coming from his backyard area. His backyard had a large wall on its border and at no time during the incident did he look over the wall. He also heard a helicopter and more talk from the police. He believed the police were calling the person by name and he thought the

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name was "Dale Edwards." He heard the police saying things like "you have nowhere to go" and "if you cooperate you will not be harmed." He stated the police said this "many, many" times to the person(s). At approximately 0415 Livingston heard 10-15 gunshots. Livingston stated the entire incident lasted approximately 30-40 minutes and he described the police interaction with whomever they were dealing with as extremely professional and tremendously patient.

Refer to Kenneth Livingston's transcribed statement for further detail.

Fredric Scarlet  
LVMPD ID# 477343  
DOB: .1960, SS#  
4200 Rustic Court  
North Las Vegas NV 89031

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0701 hours, Detective O'Brien P# 6801 interviewed Frederick "Freddy" Scarlatt inside the *Saddle and Spur Saloon* located at 2333 N. Jones Boulevard where he related the following: Scarlatt was in the parking lot of the bar sitting in his pickup truck when the police first arrived and starting yelling at a person in the red Cadillac. He said they then began utilizing a loud speaker and were telling the person to show their hands. Scarlatt went back into the bar and came in contact with his friend, "Mike." He and Mike then went back outside and stood near the front of his truck and watched what the police were doing. He described the police negotiating with the person in the car for 30-40 minutes and that they were trying to get the person to exit the car and cooperate. He recalled them calling the person "Edwards" and that they were pleading with the person to exit the vehicle. He recalled hearing them tell the person to put their hands out of the vehicle and that they didn't want anyone to get injured.

Scarlatt recalled seeing the driver's door to the Cadillac open quickly, a person jumped out, stood up and walked 3-4 steps towards the officers. He said at that point he heard approximately five shots being fired and saw officers firing their weapons. Scarlatt did not recall seeing anything in the person's hands.

Scarlatt said he was shocked that the person wouldn't comply with the officers and believed the officers gave the person more than enough time and opportunity to do so. Scarlatt stated, "Why she came out so fast, it was just ridiculous, like the person had a death wish."

Refer to Frederick Scarlatt's transcribed statement for further detail.

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Mike McAlpine  
LVMPD ID#: 0368137  
DOB: .1956, SS#  
5021 Smoke Ranch Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Employed: Saddle -n- Spurs Saloon (graveyard bartender)  
2233 N. Jones  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0640 hours, Detective Jensen interviewed Mike McAlpine inside the Saddle and Spurs Saloon where he related the following: On 04-20-12, McAlpine was working as the graveyard bartender at the Saddle and Spurs Saloon. He started work at approximately 2330 hours. During his shift, he saw a female who he knew as "Sharmel" (Sharmel Edwards) in the bar. He met Edwards approximately two weeks ago. He knew she was a customer at the Smoke Ranch Junction Bar (at Smoke Ranch and Rainbow). McAlpine said Edwards left the bar around 0130 hours possibly 0145 hours. He said Edwards had been talking with a black male and it appeared to McAlpine that Edwards and the black male were leaving together.

McAlpine said later, he heard the police in the parking lot and went outside with his friend/customer "Freddy" (Freddy Scarlatt). They saw the police had a car stopped in the parking lot. McAlpine said the police were talking with person in the car. McAlpine said suddenly the driver's door opened and Edwards came "barreling" out of the car and moved toward the officers. McAlpine heard several gunshots and saw Edwards fall to the ground.

For further information, refer to McAlpine's transcribed statement.

Brittney Steele-Taylor  
LVMPD ID# 3007685  
DOB: -1989, SS#  
2320 Tucumcari Street, #5-2045  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0950 hours, Detective Sanborn and Officer Deleonard interviewed Brittany Steele inside her apartment, where she related the following: She was asleep in her apartment when she was awakened by police across the street. The police were on the public address system ordering someone to exit their car. She

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looked out her master bedroom window, then her second bedroom window, before going outside and watching the incident from her front balcony area. The police attempted to get the person out of the car for about an hour, saying over the public address system several times to get out, we're not going to shoot you and we know the vehicle is stolen. She saw several officers with their guns out and one with a rifle. Eventually a taller, heavy set black female with a bandana in her hair exited the vehicle with her hands on her head. The female faced the police. After several seconds, the police shot the woman for no apparent reason. She heard approximately six to seven gunshots. The woman did not have any weapons. Immediately after the shooting, a police officer wearing a long sleeve shirt yelled for someone to tell his sergeant he was the one that shot her. This caused her to believe the officer was trying to cover something up. She videotaped the incident for several minutes with her cellular phone and agreed to provide the videos to the police.

For further information refer to Brittany Steele's transcribed statement

*Steele's phone was taken to the LVMPD Electric Crimes Unit and the video copied to disk. Some of the events prior to the shooting were captured from across the street, but the actual shooting was not recorded. No new information was revealed.*

Tonya Dodge  
LVMPD ID# 1435570  
DOB: -1972, SS#  
2320 Tucumcari Street #5-2046  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 1023 hours, Detective Sanborn and Officer Deleonard interviewed Tonya Dodge inside her apartment, where she related the following: She was asleep inside her apartment, when she was awakened by police sirens outside. She looked out her bedroom window and then went out to her front porch area. She saw several police officers and heard the police asking "politely" over the public address system for someone to get out the car and show their hands. Eventually a "tiny" white or Middle Eastern female in a black dress exited the car with her hands up. The female had her back to the officers, then turned around (possibly to her right) to face the officers. The officers shot the female as she turned towards them. She heard 9-10 gunshots and did not see the female with a weapon.

For further information refer to Tonya Dodge's transcribed statement.

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Wendall Chase  
LVMPD ID#: 0189798  
DOB: .1953, SS#  
2325 N. Jones Blvd., #3  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-25-2012 at approximately 1015 hours, Wendall Chase arrived at the LVMPD Homicide lobby asking to speak with a homicide detective because he had information regarding the officer involved shooting which occurred on Saturday morning (04-21-2012).

On 04-25-2012 at approximately 1030 hours, Detective Jensen interviewed Chase in an interview room. During his interview, Chase related the following: Chase said he witnessed everything from his apartment bedroom window. Chase said the officers spoke to the female in the car for an hour or more. Chase said one officer on the PA system was the only officer talking to her. Chase said the lady never said a word to the officers. Chase said he thinks this was a suicide by cops. He said he was watching the news and saw that some people were saying the lady came out of the car with her hands up in the air and the officers shot her. Chase said that is not what happened.

Chase said he made some notes shortly after the shooting and handed Detective Jensen a note sheet. The note sheet read as follows:

To: Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.

*On 4-21-2012 around 3:00 AM metro police pull over a Red Cad in my apt parking lot. The order was given driver put your hands out the window so we can see that you are unarmed, Driver just sit there after about 50 or more order driver still just sit there, now I'am thanking that they are going to open fire on this car but order was given again, again, again, then a office came up said we know who the owner of the Red Cad and the name of the driver of stolen car, "Carmella Edward" so the officer start to call her by name she still just sit there this went on for a while longer 20 or 30 mins longer.*

*By the way I'Am looking at all this from my master bedroom window one of the officer see me in the window so he shine light in my face twice, so I went to my other berroom window now I have better view of the Red Cad.*

*To make along story short, the driver side front door open the woman step outfacing the door then she turn with hands about chest high in her hands was a chrome plate pistol, the way she had it in her hands was not pointing toward officer but laying in her hands.*

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*But in her turning it could have look like she was point it toward them now if I had been (1) of those (5) officer who fired there gun I would have done the same thing. Just want to get it right She did not have here hands on her head or in the air she was armed*

For further information, refer to Chase's transcribed statement.

Clifford Francis Grey  
LVMPD ID# 954423  
DOB: 1950, SS#  
2320 Tucumacari #4-1037  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 05-04-2012 at approximately 1000 hours, Detective Williams interviewed Clifford Grey in his apartment. Grey is deaf, but communicated to Detective Williams that he witnessed the police shooting 04-21-2012. He saw the police stop a red car in the parking lot across the street from his apartment. Grey saw the driver of the car (Sharmel Edwards) exit the car with a gun in her hands. She yelled and pointed the gun at the police officers and they shot her eight times. On 05-17-2012 at approximately 0815 hours, Detective T. Williams returned to Grey's apartment with sign language interpreter Jerry Bass and took a recorded statement where he related the same account of the shooting as he did on 05-17-2012.

See Grey's transcribed statement for further details.

Giovaalex Collazo  
LVMPD ID# 1716108  
DOB: 1980, SS#  
2321 N. Jones #3  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Employed at ABC Towing (Tow truck driver)  
Work: (702) 598-1630

On 04-25-2012 at approximately 1039 hours, Detective T. Williams took a recorded statement from Giovaalex Collazo in his home where he related the following: Giovaalex was home in bed at approximately 0200 hours, when he heard the police outside his bedroom window. They had pulled over a red Cadillac. Giovaalex could hear the officers giving the driver of the vehicle (Sharmel Edwards) verbal commands to exit the car. After approximately 30 minutes of the officers giving Edwards commands to exit the car,



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Giovaalex saw Edwards exit the Cadillac with her back to the officers. At that time, He could not tell if Edwards was a man or a woman. She then turned toward the officers with a gun in her hands and fired once in their direction. Giovaalex heard the officers return fire and saw Edwards fall to the ground.

He said after the shooting he saw the officers approach Edwards and kick the gun away from her. He then heard each of the officers yell, "Clear." Moments later he saw the paramedics approach and start working on Edwards. Giovaalex said that the officers did not celebrate after the shooting in any way. His wife, Tonya Giovaalex recorded most of the event on her cell phone camera.

See Giovaalex Collazo's transcribed statement for further details.

Tonya Karlene Collazo  
LVMPD ID# 1790879  
DOB: 1980, SS#  
2321 N. Jones #3  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-25-2012 at approximately 1122 hours, Detective T. Williams took a recorded statement from Tonya Collazo in her home where she related the following: On the night of the shooting, Tonya awoke to the sound of police activity outside of her apartment. She looked out her bedroom window to see that the police had stopped a red car. After a few minutes, she started recording the event with her cell phone video camera. She recorded and watched the red car with her husband for approximately 35 minutes.

At one point, she heard gunfire and she fell to the ground. Tonya did not see the woman exit the vehicle nor the actual shooting. Tonya continued recording the event for approximately 30 minutes after the shooting.

*Tonya's phone was taken to the LVMPD Electric Crimes Unit and the video copied to disk. Although the camera was recording during the shooting, the suspect's actions just prior to the shots being fired are not seen.*

See Tonya Collazo's transcribed statement for further details.

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Mireille Cook  
5921 Condor Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0624 hours, Detective O'Brien P# 6801 came in contact with Mireille Cook. Cook lives at 5921 Condor Avenue and was outside of her home looking over towards the shooting scene. Detective O'Brien asked Cook if she had witnessed anything earlier concerning the shooting. Cook stated she heard helicopters outside and saw the light from the helicopter in her yard. Cook also heard police talking but couldn't make out what was being said. She recalled hearing several loud bangs she believed to be gunfire.

Raul Chavez  
DOB: 1964, SS#  
2341 Mallard Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 4-21-2012 at approximately 0600 hours Detective Ivie interviewed (not recorded) Raul Chavez, who related the following: Chavez had been sleeping when he had been awoken by 8-10 gunshot coming from the parking lot west of his house. He later learned officers had been involved in a shooting. Chavez allowed Detective Ivie verbal consent to search his backyard and exterior of his house for any evidence or bullet strikes. Nothing of evidentiary value was located.

Lisa Mc Elroy  
DOB: -1960, SS#  
2333 Mallard Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 4-21-2012 at approximately 0615 hours Detective Ivie interviewed (not recorded) Lisa Mc Elroy, who related the following: On 4-21-12 at approximately 0400 hours Mc Elroy was standing in her kitchen when she heard a police officer on a public addressing system asking a unknown person to come out with their hands up. Officers continued to issue verbal commands for approximately thirty (30) minutes until she heard approximately twelve (12) gunshots from at least two different guns. Mc Elroy later learned officer had been involved in a shooting with an unknown person.

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Mc Elroy allowed Detective Ivie verbal consent to search her backyard and exterior of her house for any evidence or bullet strikes. Nothing of evidentiary value was located.

Fatima Gina Casillas  
DOB: 1959, SS#  
2325 N. Jones #1  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0706 hours Detective Ivie interviewed Fatima Casillas, who related the following: On 4-21-2012 at approximately 0500 hours Casillas saw several patrol vehicles with their red and blue over head light activated start to arrive and park near her apartment building. A few minutes later a police helicopter arrived and began circling near her apartment. Casillas went outside and up a flight of stairs to the north of her apartment. She saw several patrol vehicles parked behind a red car in the parking lot next door and several of the officers with their guns drawn and pointed toward the vehicle. An unknown officer was giving verbal commands over the public address system, for the female driver and sole occupant of the vehicle to exit with their hands up. Officers continued giving the female verbal commands for approximately thirty minutes. Until an officer told her the female had a gun and ushered her to the west side of the apartment building along Jones. She heard a gunshot, then silence, followed by approximately twenty to twenty-five gunshots from several different guns. Casillas walked back toward the vehicle stop and saw several officers still with their guns drawn and moving toward the vehicle. She then went inside her apartment and waited to be contacted by the police.

For further refer to Fatima Casillas' transcribed statement.

Gerald Hudson  
DOB: 1969  
2320 Tucumacari St. #5-2048  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Hudson who stated he was inside his apartment at time of shooting and heard gunshots but did not see the shooting.

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Terri Armstrong  
DOB: 1965  
2320 Tucumacari St. #5-2047  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Armstrong. She was inside apartment at time of shooting and heard gunshots and commands to get out of a vehicle.

Dennis Troxler  
DOB: -1987  
2320 Tucumacari St. #6-1056  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Troxler who said he was inside his apartment at the time of shooting and only heard the gunfire.

Nannett Smith  
DOB: -1971  
2320 Tucumacari St. #4-1036  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Smith who she said she was inside her apartment at the time of the shooting and heard gunshots, but did not see anything.

Chirs Deleon  
DOB: 1990  
Linda Brazile  
DOB: -81  
2320 Tucumacari St. #4-2036  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Deleon and his girlfriend. They were inside at the time of the shooting and only heard the shots.

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Lucy Cedeno  
DOB: 1958  
2320 Tucumacari St. #4-2040  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Cedeno who said she was inside at time of the shooting and heard sirens and a loudspeaker. She looked out window, but did not see anything.

Shavonte Loper  
DOB: 1986  
2320 Tucumacari St. #3-1025  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Loper. She claimed she didn't hear or see the shooting.

Gustavo Bovadilla  
2320 Tucumacari #4-1038  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-24-2012 Detective Williams contacted Bovadilla in his apartment. He spoke only Spanish and said he did not see anything the night of the shooting, but did hear gunshots.

"Lavole"  
2320 Tucumacari #4-1039  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

On 04-24-2012 Detective Williams contacted the occupant of 2320 Tucumacari #4-1039. The man who answered the door only identified himself as "Lavole" and claimed not to know anything about the shooting.

Franklin Johnston  
DOB: 1969  
2320 Tucumcari Dr. #4-2037  
Las Vegas, NV 89108

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Johnson was inside his apartment when he heard one gunshot followed by eight or nine gunshots. He looked outside and saw several police cars with their red and blue lights flashing, parked across the street in the parking lot.

Felix Fierro  
DOB: 1935  
2337 N. Mallard Street, LVN 89108

Detective Sanborn contacted Fierro who was at home asleep at the time of the shooting and did not hear anything.

**Canvas of Ashford Manor apartment complex:**

2320 Tucumacari Street, Building 6:

Apartment 2056 - No answer / Flyer placed in door  
Apartment 1049 - Vacant  
Apartment 2049 - No answer / Flyer placed in door

2320 Tucumacari Street, Building 5:

Apartment 1045 - No answer / Flyer placed in door  
Apartment 1046 - No answer / Flyer placed in door  
Apartment 1047 - Vacant  
Apartment 1048 - No answer / Flyer placed in door

2320 Tucumacari Street, Building 4:

Apartment 1040 - Tenants out of town at the time of shooting.  
Apartment 2039 - No answer / Flyer placed in door

2320 Tucumacari Street, Building 3:

Apartment 2025 - No answer / Flyer left in door  
Apartment 1024 - No answer / Flyer left in door  
Apartment 2024 - No answer / Flyer left in door

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On 04-24-2012 at approximately 1000 hours, Detective Williams re-canvassed the apartments on 2320 Tucumacari Street. Several new contacts were made and flyers were placed on each apartment door where there was no answer.

On 05-04-2012, all the apartments at 2320 Tucumacari Street in building #5 (the Ashford Manor Apartments) were destroyed by fire and the occupants displaced.

Cynthia Castillo  
Serenity Mental Health Supervisor  
Work: (702) 466-3587

On 04-23-2012, Detective Williams contacted Cynthia Castillo by telephone where she related the following: Castillo was the direct supervisor of Sharmel Edwards at Serenity Mental Health. Castillo said Edwards had worked for the company since November of 2011 as a basic skills trainer. Edwards was skilled at crisis intervention and was currently meeting with several clients. Although there had been several complaints about Edwards from her clients, none of the complaints were of a serious nature and there were no known drug or alcohol problems with Edwards.

**FAMILY CONTACTS**

William Paul Edwards	(Father of Sharmel)
Rosemary Edwards	(Sister of Sharmel)
Margret Taylor	(Sister of Sharmel)
Richard Johnson	(Ex-Husband of Sharmel)
Skyler Keller	(Daughter of Sharmel)
	(Daughter of Sharmel)

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On 04-24-2012 at approximately 1400 hours, Detective Williams and Detective Jensen met with members of Sharmel Edward's family. Present was her father William Edwards, her sisters Rosemary Edwards and Margret Taylor, and her ex-husband Richard Johnson. They told detectives that Sharmel lived with her two daughters Skyler Keller (18 years old) and (15 years old) and her 90 year old grandmother. They related to detectives that on the date of the shooting, remembered her mother coming home at approximately 0300 hours and looking for her cell phone. They knew that Sharmel did not locate the phone because they later found it her apartment under a pile of papers several days later.

On 07-19-2012 at approximately 0900 hours, Detective Williams spoke with over the telephone where she related the following: On the night of her mother's death, her mother had come home looking for her cell phone at approximately 0300 hours. knew that her mother did not find her cell phone because on the following morning, her step-father, Richard Johnson, brought the cell phone to their apartment and said that Sharmel had left the phone in his car.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL STATEMENTS**

Jason Dardano Badge# 3654  
American Medical Response (AMR) Paramedic  
Unit #5923

On 04-27-2012 at approximately 1915 hours, Detective T. Williams and Sgt. P. Fabian obtained a recorded statement from Jason Dardano in the AMR supervisor's office at 1112 Martin Luther King Drive. Also present was supervisor Brian Artino Badge# 2345. Dardano related the following: Dardano and his partner Nick Weaver were dispatched to Lake Mead and Jones to stage during the police stand-off. As they waited, they were instructed to move closer to the actual scene. As they arrived at Smoke Ranch and Jones, a police officer immediately directed them into the scene. Dardano parked the ambulance just inside the drive directly behind where the red Cadillac and three police cars were parked. They were directed by an officer to the patient (Sharmel Edwards) who was laying face up on the north side of the red Cadillac. Dardano saw a handgun on the ground between Edwards and the Cadillac.

See Dadano's transcribed statement for further details.



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Nicholas Weaver Badge# 3644  
American Medical Response (AMR) Paramedic  
Unit #5923

On 04-27-2012 at approximately 1932 hours, Detective T. Williams and Sgt. P. Fabian obtained a recorded statement from Nick Weaver in the AMR supervisor's office at 1112 Martin Luther King Drive. Also present was supervisor Brian Artino Badge# 2345. Weaver related the following: Weaver and his partner Jason Dardano were dispatched to Lake Mead and Jones to stage during the police stand-off. As they waited, they were instructed to move closer to the actual scene. As they arrived at Smoke Ranch and Jones, a police officer immediately directed them into the scene. Dardano parked the ambulance just inside the drive directly behind where the red Cadillac and three police cars were parked. They were then directed by an officer to the patient (Sharmel Edwards) who was laying face up on the north side of the red Cadillac. They used a gurney to carry their equipment into the scene. Once they reached Edwards, they placed one bag on the ground and began working on Edwards. Dardano saw a handgun on the ground between Edwards and the Cadillac.

See Dadano's transcribed statement for further details.

Daniel Dennon #982819  
Clark County Fire Department  
Rescue #43

Chris Baxter #986643  
Clark County Fire Department  
Rescue #43

Robert Macias #987715  
Clark County Fire Department  
Rescue #43

On 05-01-2012 at approximately 0915 hours, Detective T. Williams and Detective B. Jensen interviewed the three Clark County Firefighters that responded to the scene on the night of the shooting. The firefighters were interviewed together in a room at Station 42 at 7331 W. Cheyenne Avenue, where they all related the following: On the night of the shooting, they were working together as Rescue 43 out of Station 43 at 6420 Smoke Ranch Road. They received the call at 2333 Jones and were instructed to "hold short." Because their station was only a short distance from the scene, they waited inside the station. When they received instructions to respond, they arrived after the American Medical Response personnel. They were escorted through the scene to the patient

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(Sharmel Edwards) by police officers. They observed Edwards on her back with the AMR personnel trying to resuscitate her. Firefighter Macias cut the dress from Edwards and they rolled her over to see her back.

While they worked on Edwards, all three firefighters saw the gun on the ground near Edwards' right hand. Firefighter Macias said, "It was a big gun." A metro officer was standing near the gun to prevent anyone from touching it. They did not see anyone touch the weapon.

Once they determined that Edwards was deceased, they ended their medical intervention efforts and were escorted out of the scene by metro officers.

The three firefighters did not see any of the officers acting inappropriate or "celebrating" and said the officers were somber and serious. Firefighter Dennon said the officers at the scene were "very professional."

The firefighters had no further information regarding the incident.

**WITNESS OFFICER STATEMENTS**

**OFFICER CORD OVERSON P# 6035**

**Hire Date:** -1998

**Division:** Special Operations

**Bureau:** Support Operations

**Assignment:** K-9 Detail

**Squad:**

**Shift:** Graveyard

**Hours:** 1900-0500 hours

**Days Off:**

**Call Sign:**

**Vehicle #:** 9584

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Explorer, marked K-9 unit

**Uniform:** Green fatigues

**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes

**Weapon:** Glock 21C, 45 cal. handgun, Serial Number

**Magazines:** One in gun, 2 extra on belt, 13 cartridges each

**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** No

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Newbury

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**CIT: No**

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0907 hours, Detective T. Williams and Detective C. Bunn obtained a recorded statement from Officer C. Overson in a conference room at the Homicide Section office. Present was Attorney Kathryn Collins of the Police Protection Association. Prior to giving a statement, Officer Overson read a pre-printed statement acknowledging the statement was compelled, referencing his Garrity protection and his 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights. Officer Overson then related the following: Officer Overson responded to the scene with red lights and siren. When he arrived he parked his K-9 vehicle (#9584) directly behind the marked patrol vehicle (#10292) where another officer was giving commands. There were numerous other patrol cars and officers in the parking lot when he arrived. He saw the red Cadillac and saw the suspect (Sharmel Edwards) in the driver's seat. Officer Overson saw fellow K-9 Officer M. English's vehicle to his left, but did not know many of the other officers present. He deployed his dog and took cover behind a water kiosk shaped like a windmill.

After approximately 20 minutes of officers trying to converse with Edwards, Officer Overson saw Edwards exit her vehicle and point a gun at officers with both hands. Officer Overson saw the officers in front of him (vehicle #10292) shoot their weapons at Edwards. One of them may have had a shotgun. Officer Overson heard gunfire come from his left, but did not see Officer English fire his weapon. He later learned that Officer English had fired his weapon.

Officer Overson did not draw his weapon during the incident. Immediately after the shooting, Officer Overson put his dog back into his vehicle then walked out to the street to signal the medical unit to come into the scene. He never moved any closer to the scene than the windmill.

See Officer Overson's transcribed statement for further details.

**SERGEANT GARY MAHONEY P# 3173**

**Hire Date:** 1986  
**Promotion Date:** -05  
**Division:** Patrol  
**Assignment:** Northwest Area Command Patrol  
**Squad:**  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2200-0800  
**Days Off:**  
**Call Sign:**

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**Vehicle #:** 10330

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit

**Uniform:** Long sleeve summer

**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes

**Weapon:** Berretta 92 FS, 9mm handgun, Serial Number

**Magazines:** One in gun, 2 extra on belt, 15 cartridges each

**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** No

**Supervisor:** Lt. Domanski

**CIT:** No

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 0940 hours, Detective T. Williams and Detective C. Bunn obtained a recorded statement from Sergeant G. Mahoney in a conference room at the Homicide Section office. Present were Kathryn Collins and Noah Grimm from the Police Managers and Supervisors Association. Prior to giving a statement, Sgt. Mahoney read a pre-printed statement acknowledging the statement was compelled, referencing his Garrity protection and his 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights. Sgt. Mahoney then related the following: Sgt. Mahoney arrived at the scene and parked on Jones Boulevard facing north directly west of the windmill. The stolen vehicle and marked police vehicles were already in the parking lot when he arrived. He requested medical and had them stage nearby.

Sgt. Mahoney did not know all of the officers present, but noted the following officers and their locations: Officer Edwards had a rifle at the southwest corner of the business to the north. Officer M. English was on the driver's side of his K-9 vehicle (#9578) near the corner of the business. Officer T. Thai was at the driver's side of vehicle #10292 using the PA system to give verbal commands to the suspect (Sharmel Edwards). When Edwards did not comply with the verbal commands, a CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) officer was requested, and S.W.A.T. was called. When the CIT officer (Officer Lilienthal) arrived, he took Officer Thai's place on the PA and Officer Thai drew his weapon. Sgt. Mahoney did not know exactly where Officer Cook was at during the shooting, but knew that he had a shotgun. Two K-9 officers, Officer C. Overson and Officer S. Carrillo, were standing to the west side of the windmill using it as cover.

After approximately 15 to 20 minutes after he arrived, Sgt. Mahoney was standing behind vehicle #10292 when he heard the shots fired. He did not see the officers shooting and did not see Edwards when she exited the stolen vehicle.

When he asked the officers what happened they said, "She came out of the car with a gun." Sgt. Mahoney saw Edwards on the ground face up, with her head to the west and

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her feet to the east. There was a silver semi-automatic handgun lying on the ground between Edwards and the car. Sgt. Mahoney then called for medical to come into the scene.

Edward's gun was not touched and Sgt. Langgin stood by it to insure it would not be disturbed by medical personnel.

See Sgt. Mahoney's transcribed statement for further details.

**OFFICER SAMUAL CARRILLO P# 7165**

**Hire Date:** 2001

**Division:** Special Operations

**Bureau:** Support Operations

**Assignment:** K-9 Detail

**Squad:**

**Shift:** Graveyard

**Hours:** 1900-0500

**Days Off:**

**Call Sign:**

**Vehicle #:** 9666

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Explorer, marked K-9 unit

**Uniform:** Green fatigues

**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes

**Weapon:** Sig Sauer P229, .40 cal. handgun, Serial Number

**Magazines:** One in gun, 2 extra on belt, 12 cartridges each

**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** No

**Supervisor:** Sgt. D. Newbury

**CIT:** No

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 1027 hours, Detective T. Williams and Detective C. Bunn obtained a recorded statement from Officer S. Carrillo in a conference room at the Homicide Section office. Present was Attorney Kathryn Collins of the Police Protection Association. Prior to giving a statement, Officer Carrillo read a pre-printed statement acknowledging the statement was compelled, referencing his Garrity protection and his 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights. Officer Carrillo then related the following: Officer Carrillo overheard via the radio that several patrol units were in the process of stopping a stolen vehicle and responded to the area. He was one of three K-9 units that responded. He

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arrived just after K-9 Officer M. English and just before K-9 Officer C. Overson. Three other patrol units arrived after him, Officer C. Grivas, Officer C. Belt, and Sgt. G. Mahoney. Officer Carrillo parked on Jones Boulevard just south of the scene, then deployed his dog and walked the rest of the way. He saw Officer T. Thai giving commands to the suspect in the stolen car and the Air Unit trying to give ground officers information from their perspective. He utilized cover behind a water kiosk in the shape of a windmill. He saw Officer G. Cook behind a black Mustang with a shotgun. He saw Officer Grivas on the passenger side door of vehicle #10292 with his handgun drawn. He saw Officer T. Edwards with a rifle deployed north of the suspect vehicle behind a pillar on the corner of a business building. Officer English was by the driver's side door of his vehicle with a weapon drawn.

After approximately 25 minutes, the suspect (Sharmel Edwards) quickly exited her vehicle with a gun in her hands. Edwards held the gun at chest level, with her arms extending straight out, and pointed the gun towards the officers at vehicle #10292. Officer Carrillo saw that Edwards screamed something to the officers, but did not hear what she said. The other officers then fired a short volley at Edwards with their weapons. Edwards spun to her left as she was hit and dropped her arms. Edwards was still standing with the gun in her hand when the officers fired a second volley and she fell to the ground. Officer Carrillo did not shoot because Officer Cook was in his line of sight.

Officer Carrillo was standing on the west side of the windmill when the shooting took place. He saw Officer Cook fire his shotgun twice at Edwards and heard a rifle being fired, but did not see any of the other officers fire their weapons.

After the shooting, Officer Carrillo returned his dog to his vehicle and assisted in preserving the scene. He did not go any closer into the scene than the windmill.

See Officer Carrillo's transcribed statement for further details.

**OFFICER TOM LILIENTHAL P# 10141**

**Cadet Hire Date:** 2007  
**PO Hire Date:** 2010  
**Division:** Patrol  
**Assignment:** Bolden Area Command Patrol  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2200-0800  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**

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**Call Sign:**

**Vehicle #:** 1677

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit

**Uniform:** Long sleeve summer

**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes

**Weapon:** Sig Sauer P226, 9mm handgun, Serial Number

**Magazines:** One in gun, 2 extra on belt, 15 cartridges each

**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** No

**Supervisor:** Sgt. M. Langgin

**CIT:** Yes

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 1115 hours, Detective T. Williams and Detective C. Bunn obtained a recorded statement from Officer T. Lilienthal in a conference room at the Homicide Section office. Present was Kathryn Collins and Corrections Officer Scott Nicolas from the Police Protective Association. Prior to giving a statement, Officer Lilienthal read a pre-printed statement acknowledging the statement was compelled, referencing his Garrity protection and his 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights. Officer Lilienthal then related the following: Officer Lilienthal heard over the radio that the Bolden Area Command dispatcher requested assistance with a noncompliant subject in the Northwest Area Command. Officer Lilienthal was CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) certified and assigned himself to the call responding with red lights and siren.

When Officer Lilienthal arrived, he immediately relieved the Northwest Area Command officer (Officer T. Thai) who had been giving commands to the suspect (Sharmel Edwards). Officer Lilienthal requested that Officers Thai remain and act as his lethal coverage and Officer Lilienthal kept his weapon holstered.

Officer Lilienthal began speaking with Edwards and giving her commands to exit the vehicle, at times addressing her by name. Officer Lilienthal felt Edwards could hear his commands because of the close proximity, and the driver's side window was down.

After approximately 12 minutes of trying to get Edwards to exit her vehicle, she put her head out of the window and looked back at officers. About 15 seconds later, Edwards stepped out of the vehicle with a gun in her right hand, then with both hands on the weapon, pointed it towards Officer Lilienthal. Officer Lilienthal jumped onto the floorboard of the patrol vehicle for cover as the other officers fired their weapons. Officer Lilienthal drew his weapon and exited the vehicle. He saw Edwards on the ground, face up. Edward's gun was on the ground about six inches away from her right hand.

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Officer Lilienthal did not see which officers fired their weapons, but did see officers at the following locations just prior to the shooting: There was an officer near the corner of the business to the north of the scene with a rifle (Officer T. Edwards). Officer Thai was with Officer Lilienthal at the driver's side door of vehicle #10292. He knew there was an officer at the passenger side door, but did not know his name. He saw Officer C. Bell with his weapon drawn behind the patrol vehicle (#10305) directly behind the suspect vehicle.

See Officer Lilienthal's transcribed statement for further details.

**SERGEANT MELVIN LANGGIN P# 4078**

**Hire Date:** 1991  
**Promotion Date:** -02  
**Division:** Patrol  
**Assignment:** Bolden Area Command Patrol  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2200-0800  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**  
**Call Sign:**  
**Vehicle #:** 1842  
**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit  
**Uniform:** Long sleeve summer  
**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes  
**Weapon:** Glock 22, .40 caliber handgun, Serial Number  
**Magazines:** One in gun, 2 extra on belt, 15 cartridges each  
**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** No  
**Supervisor:** Lt. D. Dockendorf  
**CIT:** No

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 1200 hours, Detective T. Williams and Detective C. Bunn obtained a recorded statement from Sgt. M. Langgin in a conference room at the Homicide Section office. Present was Noah Grimm from the Police Managers and Supervisors Association. Prior to giving a statement, Sgt. Langgin read a pre-printed statement acknowledging the statement was compelled, referencing his Garrity protection and his 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights. Sgt. Langgin then related the following: Sgt. Langgin responded to the scene arriving sometime after the vehicle had been stopped. Sgt. Langgin parked his vehicle north of the scene in the parking lot near the bar facing



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north. He saw that the officers had their weapons out and pointed at the suspect vehicle.

After getting briefed on the details of the call by those present, Sgt. Langgin contacted the owner of the Cadillac (Kenneth Droog). Droog confirmed there was a handgun in the car. Sgt. Langgin walked to Officer Lillienthal's location and let him talk to Droog in an effort to gain further information about the suspect (Sharmel Edwards) to assist in negotiations.

Prior to the shooting, Sgt. Langgin saw an officer (Officer T. Edwards) near the business to the north of the scene with a rifle. He saw K-9 Officer M. English at the driver's side door of his vehicle with a weapon drawn. Sgt. Langgin saw three officers at vehicle #10292: Officer Lillienthal was crouched down behind talking to Edwards on the PA (He did not have a weapon out), Officer T. Thai was at the driver's door with his weapon drawn, and Officer C. Grivas was at the passenger side door also with his weapon drawn. He saw Officer C. Belt at the passenger side of vehicle #10305, but did not see if Officer Belt had a weapon in his hands. He saw Officer G. Cook behind a black Ford Mustang with a shotgun. Sgt. Langgin saw two K-9 officers (Officer S. Carrillo and Officer C. Overson) behind a water kiosk shaped like a windmill. Neither had weapons drawn and both had their dogs with them.

Sgt. Langgin then moved to the trunk of vehicle #10292 with Sgt. Mahoney. He was facing north when he heard officers yell that Edwards was coming out. He turned and saw Edwards outside the vehicle. She was holding a gun in both hands, not extended, but close to the body near her midsection, when the other officers fired their weapons. There was one volley that sounded like all the officers fired at the same time. Sgt. Langgin ducked down and took cover because he did not know if Edwards was shooting. When Sgt. Langgin looked up, he saw Edwards lying on the ground with the gun near her right hand. He did not see any of the officers actually fire their weapons.

Officer Lilliantal, Officer Grivas, Officer Thai, and Officer Belt moved towards Edwards and checked the car for other occupants. Sgt. Langgin drew his weapon and covered Edwards until the vehicle was clear.

Sgt. Langgin escorted medical into the scene and put his foot between Edwards and the gun to protect it from being disturbed while the medical units worked on Edwards. Sgt. Langgin said that no one touched the gun besides Edwards.

Once the medical units declared Edwards dead, Sgt. Langgin instructed Officer Lilliantal and Officer Belt to cover Edwards with the yellow trauma blankets.

See Sgt. Langgin's transcribed statement for further details

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**OFFICER CHRISTIAN BELT P# 13694**

**Hire Date:** .2008  
**Division:** Patrol  
**Assignment:** Bolden Area Command Patrol  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2200-0800  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**  
**Call Sign:**  
**Vehicle #:** 10195  
**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit  
**Uniform:** Long sleeve summer  
**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes  
**Weapon:** Glock17, 9mm handgun, Serial Number  
**Magazines:** One in gun, 2 extra on belt, 15 cartridges each  
**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]  
  
**ECD with Camera:** Yes  
**Supervisor:** Sgt. Langgin  
**CIT:** No

On 04-21-2012 at approximately 1151 hours, Detectives O'Brien and Ivie interviewed Officer Christian Belt at the Homicide Office. Present during the interview was PPA Representative Michelle Jotz. Prior to the interview Officer Belt read a preprinted Officer Rights card, relating the conditions of his compelled statement, as a witness officer. During the interview and/or contact with detectives, Officer Belt related the following: On 4-21-12, Belt was employed as a police officer, assigned to work the graveyard shift at Bolden Area Command. He was working as a single man marked patrol unit with call sign 1W3, when he heard the radio broadcast of Northwest units needing assistance for an occupied stolen vehicle which was stolen with a handgun inside and the suspect was known to the victim. Belt was close to call and assigned himself to the call.

Officer Belt arrived a short time later, and saw several marked patrol and K-9 units with their red and blue overhead lights activated and parked behind a red car in the south parking lot of 2333 N. Jones. Several of the officers were standing outside their vehicles with their firearms drawn and pointed toward the vehicle. Belt exited his patrol vehicle drew his firearm and positioned himself to the rear of the passenger side of the red vehicle. When he exited his vehicle he could hear an officer giving verbal commands over the public addressing system for the female driver and sole occupant of the vehicle to exit with her hands up. This continued for several minutes until Officer Lilienthal arrived, who was CIT trained and took over the negotiations with the female. Officer

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Lilienthal gave verbal commands to the female to exit the vehicle for approximately fifteen (15) minute and SWAT was requested to the scene, because the female had barricaded in the vehicle.

As Officer Lilienthal gave the female commands she suddenly exited the driver side door and moved toward officers, when several officers fired their firearms numerous times. Belt moved positions to the driver side of the vehicle and saw the female lying on the ground next to a semi-automatic handgun. He and several officers then cleared the vehicle by looking through the windows, but did not locate anyone. Medical arrived and pronounced the female deceased at the scene.

See Officer Christian Belt's transcribed statement for further information.

**OFFICER SPENCER BASNER P# 8784**

**Hire Date:** -2008  
**Division:** Special Operations  
**Bureau:** Support Operations  
**Assignment:** Air Support Detail-Pilot  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2000-0600  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**  
**Call Sign:**

On 04-25-2012 at approximately 2030 hours, Detective B. Jensen and Detective T. Williams obtained a recorded statement from Officer S. Basner at the Air Support facility. Present during the interview was Sgt. D. Gifford P# 6239 and Chris Collins from the Las Vegas Police Protective Association.

Officer Basner related the following: Officer Basner was the co-pilot in ' on the night of the shooting. They arrived after the red Cadillac had been stopped and saw all the parked patrol units behind the vehicle. Officer Basner was able to see and advise the officers on the ground that the occupant of the red Cadillac was a woman. He could see that the woman wore black dress, but nothing else. Officer Basner did not see the suspect (Sharmel Edwards) exit the stolen vehicle nor did he see the actual shooting.

See Officer Basner's transcribed statement for further details.

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**OFFICER DAVID BROOKS P# 7947**

**Hire Date:** -2003  
**Division:** Special Operations  
**Bureau:** Support Operations  
**Assignment:** Air Support Detail-Pilot  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2000-0600  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**  
**Call Sign:**

On 04-25-2012 at approximately 2045 hours, Detective B. Jensen and Detective T. Williams took a recorded statement from Officer D. Brooks at the Air Support facility. Present during the interview was Sgt. D. Gifford P# 6239 and Chris Collins from the Las Vegas Police Protective Association.

Officer Brooks related the following: Officer Basner was the co-pilot in on the night of the shooting. They arrived after the red Cadillac had been stopped and saw all the parked patrol units behind the vehicle. Officer Brooks flew the helicopter in a right orbit allowing Officer Basner the best view. Approximately 30 minutes later, while orbiting the scene, Officer Brooks thought he saw movement from the suspect's vehicle. He advised Officer Basner who peered through his binoculars, however, the suspect was already on the ground. Officer Brooks said he did not see the actual shooting.

See Officer Brooks' transcribed statement for further details.

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**OFFICER TODD EDWARDS P# 9035**

**Hire Date:** -2006  
**Division:** Patrol  
**Assignment:** Northwest Area Command  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2200-0800  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**  
**Call Sign:**  
**Vehicle #:** NW10305  
**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit.

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**Uniform:** LVMPD standard short sleeve summer uniform.  
**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes  
**Weapon:** Panther Arms A-15, .223 caliber Serial Number  
Equipped with an Aim Point scope and flashlight.

[Flashlight not used]

[Aim Point scope was used]

**Last qualification:** 03-25-2012

**Magazines:** One in firearm containing twenty two cartridges.

**Ammunition:** Federal .223 [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** Yes [Not deployed]

**Supervisor:** Sgt. G. Mahoney P# 3173

**CIT:** No

**Results of Countdown:** Suggests five or six shots.

Officer T. Edwards did not provide a statement to homicide detectives during their investigation. Detectives had to rely on witness statements and physical evidence to arrive at their findings.

**OFFICER TROUNG THAI P# 6263**

**Hire Date:** 1999

**Division:** Patrol

**Assignment:** Northwest Area Command

**Shift:** Graveyard

**Hours:** 2200-0800

**Days Off:**

**Squad:**

**Call Sign:**

**Vehicle #:** NW10292

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit.

**Uniform:** LVMPD standard short sleeve summer.

**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes

**Weapon:** Glock 21, .45 caliber Serial Number

Mounted with a Xiphos NT Night optics [not used]

**Last qualification:** 04-02-2012

**Magazines:** One in firearm, one extra on belt, 13 cartridges in each. One magazine in left rear pants pocket containing ten cartridges.

**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

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**ECD with Camera:** Yes [Not deployed]  
**Supervisor:** Sgt. R. Wood P# 5266  
**CIT:** No  
**Results of Countdown:** Suggests three shots.

Officer T. Thai did not provide a statement to homicide detectives during their investigation. Detectives had to rely on witness statements and physical evidence to arrive at their findings.

**OFFICER CHRISTOPHER GRIVAS P# 8759**

**Hire Date:** -2005  
**Division:** Patrol  
**Assignment:** Northwest Area Command  
**Shift:** Graveyard  
**Hours:** 2200-0800  
**Days Off:**  
**Squad:**  
**Call Sign:**  
**Vehicle #:** NW10324  
**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit.  
**Uniform:** LVMPD standard short sleeve summer uniform.  
**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes  
**Weapon:** Springfield Armory XD-45, .45 caliber Serial Number

**Last qualification:** 03-17-2012  
**Magazines:** One (1) in Firearm, Two extra on belt, 13 cartridges in each, One magazine left at scene containing eight cartridges  
**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** Yes [Not deployed]  
**Supervisor:** Sgt. R. Wood P# 5266  
**CIT:** No  
**Results of Countdown:** Suggests five shots.

Officer C. Grivas did not provide a statement to homicide detectives during their investigation. Detectives had to rely on witness statements and physical evidence to arrive at their findings.

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**OFFICER MELVIN ENGLISH P# 4342**

**Hire Date:** -1992

**Division:** K9

**Assignment:** Special Operations

**Shift:** Graveyard

**Hours:** 1900 – 0500

**Days Off:**

**Squad:**

**Call Sign:**

**Vehicle #:** K9 unit 9578

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Expedition, marked K9 unit.

**Uniform:** Green fatigues.

**Wearing Body Armor:** Unknown

**Weapon:** Wilson Combat CQB, .45 caliber Serial Number

Equipped with a Surefire X-200 Tactical light, Serial Number A38174  
[Tactical light not used]

**Last qualification:** 03-14-2012

**Magazines:** One in firearm containing seven cartridges, 4 extra magazines on belt,  
containing eight (8) cartridges each

**Ammunition:** Speer Gold Dot [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** No

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Dan Newberry P# 4956

**CIT:** No

**Results of Countdown:** Suggests one shot.

Officer M. English did not provide a statement to homicide detectives during their investigation. Detectives had to rely on witness statements and physical evidence to arrive at their findings.

**OFFICER MATTHEW COOK P# 8088**

**Hire Date:** .2003

**Division:** Patrol

**Assignment:** Northwest Area Command

**Shift:** Graveyard

**Hours:** 2200-0800

**Days Off:**

**Squad:**

**Call Sign:**

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**Vehicle #:** NW10125

**Vehicle Type:** Ford Crown Victoria, marked patrol unit.

**Uniform:** LVMPD standard long sleeve summer uniform.

**Wearing Body Armor:** Yes

**Weapon:** Remington 12 gauge shotgun, Serial Number

**Last qualification:** 01-03-2012

**Magazines:** Six shells in side saddle, one shell in chamber and one (1) shell in the tube

**Ammunition:** Federal Premium Tactical 8-00 Buck [Department issue]

**ECD with Camera:** Yes [Not deployed]

**Supervisor:** Sgt. R. Wood P# 5266

**CIT:** No

**Results of Countdown:** Suggests two shots.

Officer M. Cook did not provide a statement to homicide detectives during their investigation. Detectives had to rely on witness statements and physical evidence to arrive at their findings.

## **VII. WITNESS OFFICER WEAPON COUNTDOWNS**

Sergeants Mahoney and Langgin and Officers Overson, Carrillo, Belt, and Lilienthal had their duty weapons counted down inside the LVMPD ISD building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Present during the countdowns were Homicide Detectives O'Brien and Ivie, Crime Scene Analyst Dahn, and PPA Representative Scott Nicholas. The countdowns were documented with photographs. The Sergeants and officers, and their weapons were photographed for appearance and identification.

**K-9 Officer Overson's** duty weapon was a Glock, Model 21C, .45 caliber, semi-automatic handgun with Serial Number                      The handgun had an attached Black Hawk tactical light. The handgun was loaded with fourteen cartridges; one cartridge in the chamber and thirteen cartridges in the magazine. Overson carried two additional magazines on his duty belt, both containing thirteen cartridges. Overson typically carried his duty weapon loaded with fourteen cartridges, one cartridge in the chamber and thirteen cartridges in the magazine. It appeared Officer Overson did not fire his handgun during the incident.

**Sergeant Mahoney's** duty weapon was a Berretta, Model 92FS, 9mm, semi-automatic handgun with Serial Number                      The handgun was loaded with sixteen cartridges; one cartridge in the chamber and fifteen cartridges in the magazine. Mahoney carried two additional magazines on his duty belt, both containing fifteen



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cartridges. Mahoney typically carried his duty weapon loaded with sixteen cartridges, one (1) cartridge in the chamber and fifteen cartridges in the magazine. It appeared Sergeant Mahoney did not fire his handgun during the incident.

**Sergeant Langgin's** duty weapon was a Glock, Model 23C, .40 caliber, semi-automatic handgun with Serial Number [redacted]. The handgun had an attached X300 Surefire tactical light. The handgun was loaded with sixteen cartridges; one cartridge in the chamber and fifteen cartridges in the magazine. Mahoney carried four additional magazines on his duty belt. Three fifteen round capacity magazines containing fifteen cartridges and one thirteen round capacity magazine containing thirteen cartridges. Langgin typically carried his duty weapon loaded with sixteen cartridges, one cartridge in the chamber and fifteen cartridges in the magazine. It appeared Sergeant Langgin did not fire his handgun during the incident.

**K-9 Officer Carrillo's** duty weapon was a Sig Sauer, Model P229, .40 caliber, semi-automatic handgun with Serial Number [redacted]. The handgun was loaded with thirteen cartridges; one cartridge in the chamber and twelve cartridges in the magazine. Carrillo carried two additional magazines on his duty belt, both containing twelve cartridges. Carrillo typically carried his duty weapon loaded with thirteen cartridges, one cartridge in the chamber and twelve cartridges in the magazine. It appeared K-9 Officer Carrillo did not fire his handgun during the incident.

**Officer Belt's** duty weapon was a Glock, Model 17, 9mm, semi-automatic handgun with Serial Number [redacted]. The handgun was loaded with eighteen cartridges; one cartridge in the chamber and seventeen cartridges in the magazine. Belt carried two additional magazines on his duty belt, both containing seventeen cartridges. Belt typically carried his duty weapon loaded with eighteen cartridges, one cartridge in the chamber and seventeen cartridges in the magazine. It appeared Officer Belt did not fire his handgun during the incident.

**Officer Lilienthal's** duty weapon was a Sig Sauer, Model P226, 9mm, semi-automatic handgun with Serial Number [redacted]. The handgun was loaded with sixteen cartridges; one cartridge in the chamber and fifteen cartridges in the magazine. Lilienthal carried two additional magazines on his duty belt, both containing fifteen cartridges. Lilienthal typically carried his duty weapon loaded with sixteen cartridges, one cartridge in the chamber and fifteen cartridges in the magazine. It appeared Officer Lilienthal did not fire his handgun during the incident.

**IX. FIREARM EXAMINATION:**

Firearms Examiner Anya Sanko examined all six of the firearms involved; the .223 rifle, the 12 gauge shotgun, and the four .45 caliber handguns and found them all to be operational.

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## A. BULLET COMPARISON

The three bullets taken from Sharmel Edward's body were consistent in design and composition with the bullets contained in the .45 Auto cartridge. The jackets bore similar general rifling characteristics to Officer Grivas' and Officer English's handguns, however, due to insufficient microscopic detail, they could not be identified or eliminated as have been fired from either of those handguns. The bullets were *not* fired from Officer Thai's or Sharmel Edward's handgun. The bullet jacket fragment taken from Sharmel Edward's body was consistent in design and composition with the bullets contained in the .223 Remington cartridge. The jackets bore similar general rifling characteristics to Officer Edward's rifle, however, due to insufficient microscopic detail, they could not be identified or eliminated as have been fired from the rifle.

The bullet fragments and bullet jackets recovered from floorboard of the suspect's vehicle and the bullet fragment from under the suspect's vehicle were consistent in design and composition with the bullets contained in .223 Remington cartridge fired by Officer Edwards' rifle. The jackets bore similar general rifling characteristics to that weapon, however, due to insufficient microscopic detail, they could not be identified or eliminated as having been fired by that rifle.

The metal shot pellets recovered from the floorboard of the suspect's vehicle were consistent in design and composition with the shot pellets from a disassembled Federal Premium 12 gauge shotgun shell. The shot wads were consistent in design and composition with the wads contained in a disassembled Federal Premium 12 gauge shotgun shell. (Diagram item 15-16)

The remaining metal fragments were of no value for microscopic comparison.

## B. CARTRIDGE CASE EXAMINATION

Three "F.C. 11 .223 Rem" casings and three "F. C. 223 Rem" casings were identified as having been fired from Officer Edwards' rifle. (See diagram items 1-6)

One "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber casing was identified as having been fired from Officer English's handgun. (See diagram item 7)

Two "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber casings were identified as having been fired from Officer Thai's handgun. (See diagram items 8&9)

One "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber casing later found on Vehicle #NW10292 was identified as having been fired from Officer Thai's handgun. (Not in diagram)

Five "Speer 45 Auto" .45 caliber cartridge cases could not be positively identified or eliminated as having been fired by Officer Grivas' handgun due to insufficient microscopic detail, however, the cases were *not* fired by any of the other submitted

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handguns so are presumed to be from Officer Grivas' handgun. (See diagram items 10-13, &30)

The two shotshells were identified as having been fired by Officer Cook's shotgun. (See diagram items 15&16)

C. WEAPON RELEASE

All weapons used by the officers in the shooting were returned to each respective officer by Detective Jensen after all forensic work was completed.

X. TOXICOLOGY RESULTS:

A toxicology report provided to detectives from the Clark County Coroner's office showed that Sharmel Edwards had a significant amount of cocaine in her system and a blood alcohol concentration of .13.

XI. FORENSICS RESULTS:

Latent Print Examiner Marnie Carter examined the latent prints recovered from Droog's Springfield 1911 Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, the weapon used by Sharmel Edwards. Carter determined that Edwards could not be excluded, however, due to limited detail and quantity, the print was insufficient to render a definitive conclusion. The prints used were post-mortem (rolled at her autopsy) and LVMPD Archived prints. Carter surmised clear, fully rolled palm prints of Sharmel Edwards may result in a definitive conclusion.

Since rolling new prints on Sharmel Edwards was impossible, Carter and Detective Williams decided to obtain palm prints from Kenneth Droog in an attempt to identify the prints on the gun. Detective Williams and SCSA J. Maldonado responded to Droog's home and obtained the palm prints.

Carter examined the palm prints from Droog but could not render a definitive conclusion.

DNA testing was done on the Springfield 1911. Forensic Scientist Julie Marschner obtained a DNA profile from the gun grip covers, and a partial DNA profile from the gun itself. The DNA profile from the grip covers was consistent with a mixture of at least three individuals with at least one being male. Sharmel Edwards and an unknown male cannot be excluded as contributors to the mixture. No conclusions regarding additional contributors to the mixture can be made at this time.

The partial DNA profile from the Springfield 1911 was consistent with a mixture of at least two individuals with at least one being male. The major DNA profile is consistent with an unknown male. No conclusions can be made regarding the minor contributor(s) to the mixture.

Droog did not submit a DNA sample and so was not compared to the "unknown male."

**XII. CONCLUSION:**

After reviewing all of the witness statements, scene and forensic evidence, Homicide Detectives believe that Sharmel Edwards exited the Cadillac and pointed the pistol at officers. Although there is no clear reason explaining Edwards' actions, the combination of alcohol and cocaine intoxication may have been a factor in her decisions that night.

Detectives concluded that the five officers who fired their weapons at Edwards did so in self-defense. After a thorough investigation of the evidence at the scene, a countdown of all weapons, and forensic examinations on the evidence collected, it was determined that Officer Edwards fired his rifle six times, Officer Grivas fired his handgun five times, Officer Thai fired his handgun three times, Officer Cook fired his shotgun twice, Officer English fired his handgun once, and Sharmel Edwards did not fire her weapon. It was also determined that none of the witness officers fired their weapons.