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Force Investigation Team Report Officer-Involved Shooting Fatal

LVMPD Event: 170121-1269
Division of Occurrence: Community Policing Division
Date of Incident: 01-21-2017
Time of Incident: 0941 hours
Location of Incident: Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall
1 Main Street
Jean, NV 89019

Detectives: Jason Leavitt, P# 5814
Craig Jex, P# 5597

Involved Officer: Peter Bicsanszky, P# 6012

Suspect: Paul Palmer III, [REDACTED]

Date of report: April 28th, 2017

Submitted by: Detective Leavitt, P# 5814

Signature: _____

Approved by: Sergeant MacDonald, P# 4660

Signature: _____

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I. PERSONS INVOLVED

Involved Officer

Name: **Peter Bicsanszky, P# 6012**
Date of hire: [REDACTED]-1998
Area of assignment: Enterprise Area Command – Resident Section (EAC)
Squad: EA51
Call sign: [REDACTED]
Vehicle: 9815
Shift hours: 0700-1700 hours
Days off: Sunday/Monday/Tuesday
Statement given to FIT: No

Weapons

Make: Glock
Model: 21
Caliber: .45
Serial number: [REDACTED]



Make: Remington
Model: 870
Caliber: Low lethal bean bag
Serial number: [REDACTED]



Victims

Name: **George Baisch**
DOB: [REDACTED]-1973
SSN: [REDACTED]
Race: White
Height/Weight: 5'7"/210 pounds
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Brown
Address: 258 Buckskin Street
Henderson, NV 89074
Phone number: [REDACTED]
Employer: Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall
Occupation: Security officer

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Name: **Rosemary Leonelli**
DOB: [REDACTED]-1964
SSN: [REDACTED]
Race: White
Height/Weight: 5'5"/130 pounds
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Blue
Address: 6928 Cobblestone Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89145
Phone number: [REDACTED]
Employer: Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall
Occupation: Security officer

Suspect

Name: **Paul Carr Palmer III**
DOB: [REDACTED]-1966
SSN: [REDACTED]
Race: White
Height/Weight: 6'1"/150 pounds
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Blue
Address: Transient



Weapon
Make: Folding Knife
Color: Gold handle
Blade: 3 1/4", black in color



Vehicle
Year: 1999
Make & model: Dodge Caravan
Vehicle ID number (VIN): 1B4GP44G1XB818941
Registered owner: Paul Palmer
Address: 840 Lake Catherine Drive
Maitland, Florida 32751

II. PERSONS AT THE SCENE

The majority of LVMPD personnel who arrived on this event were documented on the LVMPD unit log. Refer to the unit log for a complete listing of those individual's names, personnel numbers, and call signs.

The below listed persons responded to the primary and/or secondary incident scene(s) of this event, but were not on the LVMPD unit log.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS GROUP

1) Deputy Chief Brett Zimmerman P# 3966 [REDACTED]

INTERNAL OVERSIGHT & CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING

1) Captain John McGrath P# 4347 [REDACTED]

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FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM (FIT)

- 1) Detective Jason Leavitt

P# 5814

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF/UNDERSHERIFF

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (PIO)

- 1) Officer Michael Rodriguez

P# 12717

POLICE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PEAP)

- 1) Peer Counselor William Gibbs

P# 7553

CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- 1) Assistant District Attorney Robert Daskas
- 2) Chief Deputy District Attorney Giancarlo Pesci

CLARK COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER (CCOCME)

CCOCME case: 17-832
Date & time of death: 01-21-2017 at 1010 hours
Seal: 345467

HITES FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE

- 1) Ron Morris
- 2) Anthony Valdez

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ASSOCIATIONS

LAS VEGAS POLICE MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION (LVPMSA)

- 1) Sergeant Michelle Jotz
- 2) Sergeant Russell Wood

P# 4964

P# 5266

LAS VEGAS POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LVPPA)

- 1) Officer Henry Hoffman
- 2) Officer Scott Nicholas
- 3) Attorney Charles Kelly

P# 7536

P# 6676

MEDICAL PERSONNEL

CLARK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (CCFD)

- 1) Mike Herrera
- 2) Matt Sagoian

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA (UMC)

- 1) Doctor Hornball (phone consultation only)

III. INCIDENT DETAILS

On 01-27-2017, at approximately 0935 hours, security at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, located at 1 Main Street, Jean, NV, was notified of a naked male with a knife. Samuel Taylor, a maintenance worker at the hotel, observed a naked male, later identified as Paul Carr Palmer III, near the pool area. Two patrons, Alberto Gaona and Maryalice Garcia, who were in their hotel room also observed Palmer. Taylor notified hotel security via his radio, while Gaona and Garcia contacted hotel security by phone.

Security officer Rosemary Leonelli responded to the location where she observed Palmer, dressed only in socks, and what appeared to be blood on his arms and legs. As Leonelli attempted to see if Palmer needed help, Palmer moved toward her with the knife raised in a threatening manner. Leonelli ran from Palmer who she believed was going to attack her with the knife. Palmer chased Leonelli as she ran from him, then turned and approached another security officer, George Baisch, who had responded to the area. Baisch observed Palmer had several bleeding cuts on his forearms and legs. Baisch spoke to Palmer, but did not get any verbal response. Palmer then raised the knife over his head and chased Baisch through the parking lot. As Baisch was being chased, he passed Leonelli and told her to run.

As Leonelli and Baisch ran toward the southwest corner of the building, they observed two Clark County Fire Department personnel. Firefighters Michael Herrera and Matt Sagoian observed Palmer as he chased Leonelli and Baisch. Herrera and Sagoian were joined by Leonelli and quickly moved to their rescue unit and climbed in the cab. Baisch retreated to the south tower of the hotel. Palmer then moved to the west through the parking lot and hid behind a group of large propane tanks. Herrera and Sagoian drove their CCFD rescue unit through the parking lot in a southwest direction in order to maintain a visual on Palmer until LVMPD personnel arrived.

Officer Bicsanszky arrived at the south parking lot and drove toward the CCFD vehicle. Herrera and Sagoian made eye contact with Officer Bicsanszky and pointed toward the propane tanks where Palmer had hidden. Officer Bicsanszky passed the CCFD vehicle and drove west toward the propane tanks. Officer Bicsanszky stopped his vehicle, exited the driver side, and deployed a less than lethal (bean bag) shotgun. Palmer rushed toward Officer Bicsanszky. Officer Bicsanszky fired four bean bag rounds toward Palmer while he issued commands to Palmer to stop and drop the knife. Palmer hesitated, raised the knife and again charged toward Officer Bicsanszky. Officer Bicsanszky transitioned from the less than lethal shotgun to his handgun and fired two rounds, striking Palmer. Palmer fell to the ground.

Officer Bicsanszky placed Palmer in handcuffs. Herrera and Sagoian exited their rescue unit and began to render first aid to Palmer. After working on Palmer for approximately ten minutes, Herrera and Sagoian contacted Doctor Hornball with University Medical Center. Upon hearing Palmer's status, Doctor Hornball pronounced Palmer deceased at 1010 hours.

Palmer's clothing was discovered next to the jacuzzi near where security first contacted him in the pool area. There was no identification with the clothing. At the time of investigators' arrival, Palmer's identity was still unknown.

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Upon arrival of investigators, Sergeant Michael Calarco conducted a briefing. The following persons were present:

- 1) Assistant Sheriff Thomas Roberts
- 2) Deputy Chief Brett Zimmerman
- 3) Captain Roxanne McDaris
- 4) Captain John McGrath
- 5) Lieutenant Huddler
- 6) Lieutenant Jenkins
- 7) Lieutenant McMahill
- 8) Lieutenant Romane
- 9) Sergeant Clark
- 10) Sergeant MacDonald
- 11) Sergeant Newberry
- 12) Sergeant Ward
- 13) Detective Alsup
- 14) Detective Hughes
- 15) Detective Iacullo
- 16) Detective Jex
- 17) Detective Kirkegard
- 18) Detective Leavitt
- 19) Detective Patton
- 20) Detective Penny
- 21) CSI Director McLaughlin
- 22) Crime Scene Analyst (CSA) Supervisor Nemcik
- 23) Senior Crime Scene Analyst (SCSA) Smith

Following the briefing Detective Leavitt was assigned as the lead case agent and given the responsibility of documenting the crime scene with crime scene analysts. Detectives Alsup, Jex, Kenton, Patton, and Penny were assigned to interview available witnesses and conduct weapon countdowns.

IV. SCENE WALK-THROUGHS

The purpose of the scene walk-through was to help investigators develop an understanding of the scene, including identifying Officer Bicsanszky's location at the time deadly force was used, identifying potential physical evidence, and re-creating a timeline of the incident.

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1240 hours, Officer Bicsanszky provided a walk-through of the scene in the presence of the following persons:

- 1) Lieutenant Huddler
- 2) Sergeant MacDonald
- 3) Detective Jex
- 4) Detective Leavitt
- 5) Director McLaughlin
- 6) CSA Supervisor Nemcik

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- 7) LVPPA representative Officer Henry Hoffman
- 8) LVPPA representative Officer Scott Nicholas
- 9) LVPPA attorney Charles Kelly

During the walk-through, which was not video or audio recorded, Officer Bicsanszky relayed the following information:

Officer Bicsanszky was at the Jean Justice Court building and received a call for service at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall reference a subject with a knife. Officer Bicsanszky acknowledged he was en route to the hotel. He stated he arrived at the south side of the parking lot and observed a parked CCFD ambulance. As he drove along the driver side of the ambulance, he observed two firefighters in the cab. Officer Bicsanszky stated he made eye contact with the driver, and put his hands in the air indicating that he was wondering where the suspect was. The driver pointed to the west.

Officer Bicsanszky stated he did not see anyone and continued to drive forward (West). Near a white vehicle parked in a parking space, Officer Bicsanszky observed Palmer, who was naked, quickly come from behind the white vehicle. Officer Bicsanszky stopped his vehicle, retrieved the low lethal shotgun, and exited the patrol vehicle. Palmer was holding a knife in his hand and began to walk toward Officer Bicsanszky.

Officer Bicsanszky gave verbal commands to Palmer to stop, but Palmer continued walking then ran toward Officer Bicsanszky. Officer Bicsanszky fired four rounds from the low lethal shotgun. He observed the rounds strike Palmer in the chest with no effect. Palmer continued toward Officer Bicsanszky. Officer Bicsanszky dropped the low lethal shotgun, transitioned to his handgun, and fired one round at Palmer. Palmer continued toward Officer Bicsanszky. Officer Bicsanszky fired a second round at Palmer, who was approximately 10 feet away, and Palmer immediately fell to the ground in front of the ambulance. Officer Bicsanszky stated after Palmer was on the ground he sat up, threw the knife at him, and fell back on ground.

Officer Bicsanszky approached Palmer, put his foot on Palmer's bicep, and placed handcuffs on him. After Palmer was in custody, Officer Bicsanszky broadcast he had been involved in an officer-involved shooting.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY STATEMENT (PSS)

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1216 hours, Detective Jex interviewed Sergeant Calarco in reference to the Public Safety Statement he obtained from Officer Bicsanszky. Below is the transcript of the interview. Note: Detective Craig Jex is designated by (CJ) and Sergeant Michael Calarco is designated by (MC).

CJ: Operator, this is Detective C. Jex, P# 5597, from the Force Investigation De...Team, conducting the Public Safety Statement interview with Sergeant Michael, M-I-C-H-A-E-L Calarco, C-A-L-A-R-C-I-O, P#...C-A...excuse me, C-A-L-A-R-C-O, P# 6473. Sergeant Calarco took the Public Safety Statement from the involved officer, Officer Pete Bicsanszky, and that's spelled B-I-C-S-A-N-S-K-I...S-Z-K-I, P# 6012. The time that the

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Public Safety Statement was taken by Sergeant Calarco was at 1021 hours. Is all that information correct?

MC: Uh, the only thing is, is the spelling. I believe the last, uh, of Bicsanszky's last name is gonna be Y as in yellow instead of I.

CJ: Z...so B-I-C-S-A-N-S-Z-K-Y?

MC: Correct.

CJ: Okay. All right. This interview's being...taking place, uh, in my unmarked patrol vehicle on the east side of the Gold Strike Hotel & Casino. The address is 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. All right, uh, Sergeant Calarco, if you will you just go through the Public Safety Statement questions, read the question, and then give Officer Bicsanszky's, um, response. Go ahead.

MC: Sure. Um, question 1: "Did you discharge your firearm?" "Yes."

Uh, A: "If so, in what direction?" "West."

B: "Approximately where were you located when you fired?" "Uh, next to the ambulances, on the south side." Uh, he also elaborated, "The southeast of the Gold Strike, in the parking lot."

C: "How many shots do you think you fired?" "Four (4) from low lethal, two (2) from handgun."

2...question 2: "Is anyone injured?" "Subject who has been shot."

Question 3: "Are there any outstanding suspects?" "Nn...no, not that I'm aware."

Um, subsections A, B, C, D and E are gonna not be relevant, not applicable.

Question 4: "Is it possible the suspect fires round...fired rounds at you?" "No."

Again, A, B, and C are not applicable.

Question 5: "Do you know if any other officers discharged their firearms?" Answer: "No."

Uh, subsections A and B not applicable.

Uh, question 6: "Are there any weapons or evidence that need to be secured/protected?"

Uh, "Yes."

Subsection A: "If so, where are they located?" Uh, answer is, "Evidence by the cone, either cartridges or a suspect's knife."

Question 7: "Are there any...are you aware of any witnesses?" His answer is, uh, "Several witnesses," and then he, um, loca...he identified each one. Do you want me to go through each one?

CJ: Yes, just, just the...

MC: Okay. So he said, uh, "Two (2) firemen," um, they were Rescue 87. One of them was Mike Hererra, that's H-E-R-E-R-R-A, and then also, uh, Matt, unknown last name. And then there were two (2) security guards. Uh, he said, "Roe," R-O-E, possible, uh, ff...uh, first name is R-O-E-W-A-N, and then another possible, um, witness was gonna be Tye Johnson, T-Y-E J-O-H-N-S-O-N. And then he said he was a mechanic working in the area and he possibly, um, heard the shots, and also helped with CPR on suspect. And then,

um, second one is gonna, uh, James Weaver, W-E-A-V-E-R, uh, last name. Birth date is 05-17 of '82, and he also possibly heard the shots, and he also helped with, uh, CPR. And that's the conclusion of the Public Safety Statement.

CJ: All right. That's the, uh, end of the Public Safety Statement interview. The ending time is 1221.

VI. OFFICER WEAPON COUNTDOWNS

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1330 hours, Officer Bicsanszky had his duty weapon counted down at the LVMPD Jean substation, 23120 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Jean, NV. Officer Bicsanszky was photographed by CSA Heather Ubbens for appearance purposes, and his weapons were photographed for identification purposes.

Officer Bicsanszky

The following persons were present during the countdown:

- 1) Officer Bicsanszky
- 2) Detective Patton
- 3) PEAP Peer Counselor Mike Springer
- 4) CSA Ubbens
- 5) LVPPA representative Officer Nicholas

Officer Bicsanszky was dressed in an LVMPD green fatigue resident officer uniform. He wore LVMPD patches on each shoulder and a cloth LVMPD badge on his left breast. Officer Bicsanszky wore a duty belt with attached tools and equipment as part of his position as a resident officer. Officer Bicsanszky's handgun was carried on the right side of his body and secured in a holster

Prior to the countdown Officer Bicsanszky stated he carried 13 cartridges in the magazine placed into his firearm and one cartridge in the chamber (13+1), as well as 13 cartridges in the two spare magazines carried on his belt. All three of his magazines had the capacity to hold 13 cartridges.

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Make	Glock
Model	21
Serial Number	██████████
Caliber	.45
Weapon Mounted Light	Blackhawk Night-Ops Xiphos NT
Ammunition	Speer 45 auto
Cartridge in Chamber	1
Magazine from Weapon	Capacity: 13 cartridges
	Countdown: 11 cartridges
Spare Magazine #1	Capacity: 13 cartridges
	Countdown: 13 cartridges
Spare Magazine #2	Capacity: 13 cartridges
	Countdown: 13 cartridges

At the completion of the countdown, it was determined Officer Bicsanszky's firearm was missing two rounds. Evidence at the scene indicated Officer Bicsanszky fired two rounds. Based on the countdown and evidence at the scene, detectives believe Officer Bicsanszky fired two rounds from his handgun during the incident. Officer Bicsanszky's firearm, magazine, and cartridges were photographed and impounded by CSA Ubbans.

VII. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCENE AND VISIBLE EVIDENCE

The below narrative in italics was taken from the Crime Scene Investigation Report authored by SCSA Smith.

VEHICLE(S):

- V1 – 2016 Freightliner, NV/EX67286, VIN/3ALACWDT8GDHH2978, CCFD Vehicle #87*
- V2 – 1999 Nissan Maxima GLE, NV/30F273, VIN/JN1CA21D2XM401126*
- V3 – 2014 Ford F150, NV/LVMP0082, VIN/1FTFW1EF5EKD33575, LVMPD Vehicle # EA9815*
- V4 – 2007 Saturn Aura XE, NV/931VCC, VIN/1G8ZS57N77F225260*
- V5 – 2016 Ford Escape SE, AZ/BWN3280, VIN/1FMCU9GX9GUA85802*
- V6 – 2015 Chevrolet, NV/15C695, VIN/1GB3G2CL4F1247278, Community Ambulance Vehicle #109*

GENERAL INFORMATION:

At approximately 1025 on 1/21/17 I responded to 1 Main St. reference the above event.

The scene was located at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, specifically in the south parking lot and extending north into the area between the north and south towers. Yellow and red crime scene tape had been put up and the scene was secured by several patrol officers. Force Investigations Team (FIT) Lt. W. Huddler (P# 7789), Sgt. J. MacDonald (P# 4660), and Detectives J. Leavitt (P# 5814), C. Jex (P# 5597), J. Patton (P# 8289), B. Penny (P# 6042) and T. Alsup (P# 5782) began arriving at the scene at approximately 1039. Crime Scene Investigations Director R. McLaughlin (P# 4170), Crime Scene Analyst Supervisor A. Nemcik (P# 8504) and Senior Crime Scene Analyst J. Scott (P# 9618) began arriving at the scene at approximately 1155.

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The Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall consisted of two hotel towers, north and south, with the towers situated so that they ran east/west and faced in a north/northeast direction. The casino area was located at the west end of the hotel towers. Parking lots were located on the north and south sides of the respective towers. A pool/jacuzzi area was located in between the north and south hotel towers with additional parking spaces just east of the pool area.

*The pool area consisted of a pool on the west side and a jacuzzi on the east side. A black fence ran north/south and separated the pool from the jacuzzi with a gate at the south end. A table with three chairs around it was located just north of the jacuzzi. A white block wall bordered the jacuzzi on the east side with a gate at the south end of the wall. The gate gave access to the adjacent parking lot. Several pieces of clothing, including a pair of jeans, boots, underwear, shirts, a hoodie and a pair of eyeglasses and several ponytailers, were located on the ground just east of the jacuzzi and near the gate leading to the parking lot (**Evidence Items #24 & 24A**). Apparent blood was located on both sides of the white block wall and on the top of the wall, just north of the gate. A trash can inside the jacuzzi area and a trash can in the parking lot, both adjacent to the gate, had apparent blood on them.*

Numerous apparent footwear impressions in apparent blood were located in the parking lot just east of the pool/jacuzzi area. V5 was parked along the south side of the parking lot and was facing east, adjacent to the south tower. Apparent footwear impressions were located around V5 and apparent blood was located on the right side of the rear cargo door. The apparent footwear impressions meandered throughout the parking lot area and became difficult to see near the end of the lot, adjacent to the east end of the south tower.

The east end of the south tower opened into a larger parking lot area which covered the south side of the south tower. The parking lot consisted of east/west running rows of parking spaces. The scene was located near the 1st and 2nd rows of parking spaces, and south/southwest of the southeast corner of the south hotel tower.

V1, a Clark County Fire Department ambulance, was parked facing southwest near the east end of the first full row of parking spaces and between the 1st and 2nd rows. The decedent, Paul Carr Palmer III (██████/66), was located on the ground near the right front corner of V1 and was covered with a white sheet. V6, a Community Ambulance, was parked east of V1, faced southwest and was along the north edge of the 2nd row of parking spaces.

*V3, LVMPD Vehicle EA9815, was parked facing northwest along the south edge of the 1st full row of parking spaces and west of V1. The vehicle was running and the left front door was open. One (1) expended shotshell marked 'Defense Technology – Drag Stabilized Bean Bag' was on the ground underneath the open left front door of V3 (**Evidence Item #5**).*

*V4, a Saturn Aura XE, was parked facing south, west of V3, in the 9th parking space west of the east end of the 1st full row of parking spaces, on the south side of the row. One (1) ruptured bean bag was located in the left rear wheel of the vehicle (**Evidence Item #8**).*

V2, a Nissan Maxima GLE, was parked facing south in the 1st parking space at the east end of the 1st full row of spaces, on the south side. V2 was located northwest of V1.

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One (1) black 'Remington Arms' shotgun, with serial # [REDACTED], and an orange stock was lying on the ground southwest of the front end of V1 (**Evidence Item #1**). The shotgun was lying on its right side with the muzzle pointing southwest. A shotshell carrier was on the left side of the shotgun and contained six (6) 'Defense Technology – Drag Stabilized Bean Bag' shotshells (**Evidence Item #1A**).

One (1) cartridge case with the headstamp 'SPEER 45 AUTO' was on the ground just north of the shotgun, with another cartridge case with the same headstamp southeast of the shotgun (**Evidence Items #19&20**).

Three (3) expended shot shells marked 'Defense Technology – Drag Stabilized Bean Bag' were on the ground in a line, extending southeast to northwest, southwest of the shotgun's location (**Evidence Items #2-4**). A bean bag was in the same southeast to northwest line, between Items #2 and 3 (**Evidence Item #6**). Another bean bag was located on the ground southwest of the shotgun (**Evidence Item #7**).

One (1) plastic shotshell wad was located south of the shotgun with another plastic wad located southwest of the shotgun (**Evidence Items #9&18**). White paper shotshell wads were located in various locations throughout the scene. One (1) was southeast of the shotgun (**Evidence Item #10**), another was south of the shotgun (**Evidence Item #11**), four (4) were located southwest of the shotgun (**Evidence Items #12-15**), and two (2) were west of the shotgun (**Evidence Items #16&17**).

One (1) bronze-colored folding knife was located on the ground, approximately 32'6" east of the shotgun and slightly southeast (**Evidence Item #21**). The knife was open and lying on its left side with the blade pointed south.

BULLET TRAJECTORY:

One (1) bullet hole marked 'A' was located in the south side of the south hotel tower, approximately 25' west of the southeast corner of the building. The hole was just east of the 2nd room window from the southeast corner of the building. The hole was located approximately 3'3" up off the raised landscaped area along the south side of the tower. The vertical distance between the parking lot and the raised landscaped area was approximately 1'3". With the use of a trajectory rod the, horizontal and vertical angles were both approximately 0°. The corresponding interior bullet hole was marked 'A₁' and was in the southeast corner of room #1023. A hole in the back of a night stand was marked 'A₂' with the hole in the interior side of the night stand marked 'A₃'. An impact was located on the back of the night stand's top dresser drawer. One (1) bullet was located from the inside of the night stand (**Evidence Item #23**).

DECEDENT:

The decedent, Paul Carr Palmer III ([REDACTED]/66), was located on the ground by the right front corner of V1. He was covered with a white sheet. Coroner Investigator P. Chavez arrived at the scene at approximately 1454 and the sheet was removed. The decedent was lying on his back with his head in a west/southwest direction and his legs in an east/northeast direction. Both arms were straight and were slightly extended away from the body. He was wearing a pair of black ankle socks. A preliminary examination of the decedent was performed. Handcuffs were attached to both of the decedent's wrists. Multiple lacerations and incisions on the inside of the decedent's

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right and left wrists, on the right side of the decedent's neck, on the back of the lower right leg and on the inside of the decedent's left thigh were noted along with an injury to the decedent's lower left leg. An abrasion was located on the decedent's left hip, and there were injuries to the decedent's right abdomen and upper right chest. An apparent gunshot wound, located on the decedent's upper right chest, was also noted. Personnel from Hites Funeral Home arrived at the scene at approximately 1539 and removed the decedent from the scene. Seal # 345467 was placed on the decedent's body bag.

*Numerous medical equipment was located on the ground surrounding the decedent. One (1) broken shell necklace and white metal earring were located on the ground beneath a piece of medical equipment (**Evidence Item #22**).*

EVIDENCE:

*The above items of evidence were recovered from the scene and were impounded by SCSA J. Scott. \$2.78 was located inside the decedent's clothing and was also impounded as evidence (**Evidence Item #24B**) (See Evidence Impound Report for additional information).*

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Digital images were taken of the scene showing the overall layout including the pool and parking areas between the north and south hotel towers and the south parking lot, the bullet hole in the south wall of the south hotel tower and the locations of the above items of evidence.

Additional digital images were taken from room #521, located on the south side of the north tower. The room overlooked the pool area and the parking lot between the north and south hotel towers. Digital images were also taken from the walkway between the north and south towers, located west of the pool/jacuzzi area, and overlooking the pool/jacuzzi area and the parking lot to the east.

Perspective views were taken from the following locations:

- *adjacent to the left front quarter panel of V2, labeled 'Suspect Location #1',*
- *just west of the right front corner of V1, labeled 'Suspect Location #2',*
- *west of the left front corner of V1, labeled 'Perspective P. Bicsanszky #6012 Location #1'*
- *adjacent to the left front corner of V1, labeled 'Perspective P. Bicsanszky #6012 Location #2'*
- *and from the cab of V1.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A diagram of the scene was prepared by SCSA J. Scott and is maintained in On Base.

No further action was taken.

VIII. THIRD PERSON VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

Cellular Phone Video

Maryalice Garcia was staying in room 521 of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall. Garcia opened the window curtains and saw Palmer, naked, in the parking area. Garcia saw Palmer had blood on his arms and legs, and was holding a knife. Garcia recorded Palmer on her cellular phone camera while her boyfriend notified hotel security.

The video captured Palmer as he held a knife and chased two security officers through the parking area between the two hotel towers. Once they reached the corner of the building Palmer also chased two CCFD personnel. All of the individuals then went around the building and out of sight.

Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall Video

A camera located on the southwest side of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall overlooked the parking area. The camera was approximately 360 feet from the location where CCFD personnel parked their vehicle as they waited for LVMPD personnel to respond. When Officer Bicsanszky arrived (left side of the screen) he pulled his vehicle in front of the CCFD ambulance and slowed. As Officer Bicsanszky pulled forward, Palmer ran at a fast pace from the right side of the screen toward Officer Bicsanszky's vehicle. Officer Bicsanszky exited his vehicle as Palmer ran around a vehicle that was parked nearby. Officer Bicsanszky and Palmer moved around each other as Palmer continued toward the CCFD truck. Officer Bicsanszky then rapidly moved backward in a retreating fashion. Palmer was then taken into custody. Due to the poor video quality, it does not show Officer Bicsanszky fire the low lethal shotgun or his handgun.

IX. AUTOPSY

On 01-22-2017, at approximately 1030 hours, under CCOCME case 17-00832, an autopsy was performed on the body of Paul Carr Palmer III at the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner by Doctor Lary Simms.

The following persons were in attendance:

- 1) Detective Leavitt
- 2) Detective Patton
- 3) Detective Penny
- 4) CSA Erik Tufeland, P# 8971
- 5) Forensic Technician A. Senger

The following items of evidence were impounded:

- 1) One Buccal Swab Kit from the mouth of Paul Palmer DOB: ██████-1966
- 2) One pair of black socks (one Nike, one Gildan brand) with blood
- 3) One swab for possible DNA from the left hand/fingers of Paul Palmer
- 4) One swab for possible DNA from the right hand/fingers of Paul Palmer

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5) One bullet

The following wounds/injuries were noted on Palmer:

- 1) Gunshot wound of the right chest, penetrating, 0.5" in overall dimension
- 2) Right side of neck 2.6" superficial incised wound
- 3) Left side of neck 0.5" superficial incised wound
- 4) Left chest patterned 1.5 x 1" abrasion
- 5) Right upper abdomen oval 1.3 x 1.1" abrasion
- 6) Chest and abdomen demonstrated scattered irregular skin coloration
- 7) Left deltoid area 1.8 x 0.8" abrasion
- 8) Upper back 0.3" healing superficial injury
- 9) Left elbow demonstrated multiple irregular abrasions up to 0.75"
- 10) Right elbow demonstrated irregular 1.1" abrasion
- 11) Arms bilaterally demonstrated scattered irregular skin coloration
- 12) Lower right arm multiple scars associated with seven incised wounds from 1.7 to 2.4"
- 13) Lower left arm multiple scars associated with six incised wounds from 0.8 to 2.6"
- 14) Right wrist had discolorations
- 15) Left wrist irregular dislocations
- 16) Left deltoid abrasion 2.0 x 1.1"
- 17) Left lateral hip oval 3 x 2" abrasion
- 18) Lateral aspect of left knee 0.38" abrasion
- 19) Right thigh 1.8" superficial incised wound
- 20) Back of left calf 3" incised wound extended through subcutaneous tissue
- 21) Legs bilaterally demonstrated scattered irregular skin coloration
- 22) Left lower leg 2" complex incised wound extended through subcutaneous tissue
- 23) Left thigh demonstrated two closely spaced superficial incised wounds: the superior wound measured 3.6" in length and the inferior wound measured 4.6" in length
- 24) Right thigh 3.8" superficial incised wound
- 25) Dorsal surface of the left toe 0.5" abrasion

For full details of Palmer's wound/injuries, refer to the autopsy report.

Upon the completion of toxicology testing, the following results were noted:

<i>Analysis and Comments</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Limit</i>	<i>Specimen Source</i>	<i>Analysis By</i>
<i>Nicotine</i>	Positive	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>001 - Peripheral Blood</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Caffeine</i>	Positive	<i>mcg/mL</i>	<i>0.10</i>	<i>001 - Peripheral Blood</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Cotinine</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>001 - Peripheral Blood</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Delta-9 Carboxy THC</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>001 - Peripheral Blood</i>	<i>LC-MS/MS</i>
<i>Delta-9 THC</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>001 - Peripheral Blood</i>	<i>LC-MS/MS</i>
<i>Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)</i>	<i>0.63</i>	<i>mg/dL</i>	<i>0.050</i>	<i>006 - Vitreous Fluid</i>	<i>Colorimetry</i>
<i>Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>mmoi/L</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>006 - Vitreous Fluid</i>	<i>Chemistry Analyzer</i>
<i>Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>mmoi/L</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>006 - Vitreous Fluid</i>	<i>Chemistry Analyzer</i>
<i>Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>mmoi/L</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>006 - Vitreous Fluid</i>	<i>Chemistry Analyzer</i>

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<i>Glucose (Vitreous Fluid)</i>	<i>None Detected</i>	<i>mg/dL</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>006 -Vitreous Fluid</i>	<i>Chemistry Analyzer</i>
<i>Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>mg/dL</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>006 -Vitreous Fluid</i>	<i>Chemistry Analyzer</i>
Nicotine	Positive	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Caffeine</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>mcg/mL</i>	<i>0.10</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
Cotinine	Positive	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Hydroxycotinine</i>	Positive	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>750</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Theobromine</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>mcg/mL</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Theophylline</i>	Positive	<i>mcg/mL</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>
<i>Delta-9 Carboxy THC</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>ng/mL</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>005- Urine</i>	<i>GC/MS</i>

After a complete autopsy, Doctor Simms opined Paul Carr Palmer III died as a result of a gunshot wound of the right chest. The manner of death was homicide.

X. PERSONS CONTACTED

The following persons were contacted reference their knowledge of the facts and circumstances related to the incident:

Clark County Fire Department Personnel

Firefighter Michael Herrera

Area of assignment: Station 87
Vehicle: Rescue 87
Shift hours: 0800-0800 hours
Days off: Varies
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

Firefighter Matt Sagoian

Area of assignment: Station 12
Squad: A Platoon
Vehicle: Rescue 87
Shift hours: 0800-0800 hours
Days off: Varies
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

Civilians

Alberto Gaona

DOB: [REDACTED]-1991
SSN: [REDACTED]
CA OLN: [REDACTED]
Address: 3946 Bresee Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
Cellular number: [REDACTED]
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

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Maryalice Garcia

DOB: [REDACTED]-1990
SSN: [REDACTED]
Address: 4054 Stewart Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
Phone number: [REDACTED]
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

Tye Johnson

DOB: [REDACTED]-1971
Address: 433 N 5750 E
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026
Cellular number: [REDACTED]
Employer: Benson Trucking
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

Samuel Taylor

DOB: [REDACTED]-1954
SSN: [REDACTED]
NV OLN: [REDACTED]
Address: 1890 Iron Avenue
Sandy Valley, NV 89019
Phone number: [REDACTED]
Work phone: [REDACTED]
Work address: Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall
1 Main Street
Jean, NV 89019
Shift hours: 0700-1700 hours Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

James Weaver

DOB: [REDACTED]-1982
Address: PO Box 93
New Castle, UT 84756
Phone number: [REDACTED]
Employer: Benson Trucking
Witness; provided an audio recorded interview

XI. INVESTIGATION

Involved Officer

Officer Peter Bicsanszky

Per LVMPD Policy 6/002.04, Post Use of Force Procedures, an involved officer may provide a recorded statement to FIT investigators. If given, involved officer statements are taken at least 48 hours after the incident unless waived by the involved officer.

On 01-23-2017, at approximately 0745 hours, Lieutenant Huddler contacted Officer Bicsanszky in reference to providing a voluntary statement to FIT investigators. Officer Bicsanszky declined to provide a statement.

Witnesses

Maryalice Garcia

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1123 hours, Detective Patton conducted an audio recorded interview with Maryalice Garcia inside of his unmarked LVMPD vehicle located in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Garcia was staying with her boyfriend, Alberto Gaona, in room 521 of the Gold Strike. After waking up, she opened the curtains and observed a male [Palmer] in the parking area. She described Palmer as a white male in his late 50's, thin build, long gray hair, and was only wearing socks. Garcia saw he had blood on his arms and legs, and was holding a knife.

While looking at Palmer, Garcia saw a female walk into the area and Palmer chased her. After she ran away, Palmer walked back and stood behind a white car. Garcia then saw a male, who she believed was security, walk into the area and Palmer chased him as well. Gaona called the front desk to report the incident while Garcia recorded video on her cellular phone. Garcia continued to record until she saw Palmer chase the security guards around the building and lost sight of them.

Garcia said she saw a police car arrive, but did not witness anything after that.

Alberto Gaona

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1127 hours, Detective Penny conducted an audio recorded interview with Alberto Gaona inside of his unmarked LVMPD vehicle located in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Gaona was staying with his girlfriend, Maryalice Garcia, in room 512 of the Gold Strike. After waking up, Garcia opened the blinds and told Gaona there was a naked man [Palmer] outside the room. Gaona looked out the window and observed Palmer sneaking around a white vehicle

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located in the parking lot. Gaona called down to the front desk and advised them of what he saw, and later stated he received a call back from the police.

While he watched Palmer, Gaona saw a female wearing all black, possibly a security guard, walk into the area, and Palmer, who was holding a knife, chased her. The female fled the area, and Palmer returned to the white vehicle where he was originally hiding.

Shortly after that Gaona saw a male security guard approach the area where Palmer had returned. Palmer chased the male security guard while still holding the knife. They disappeared from Gaona's view. Gaona did not see Palmer anymore.

Gaona did not witness the officer-involved shooting and did not hear any gunfire.

George Baisch

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1201 hours, Detective Penny conducted an audio recorded interview with George Baisch at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Baisch was a uniformed security officer at the Gold Strike and on duty at the time of the incident. While on break he heard a call over his radio reporting a naked male [Palmer] in the pool area. Security Officer Rosemary Leonelli advised she would handle the call. Baisch walked toward the pool area and met up with Sam Taylor, another employee, in an elevated bridge area which overlooked the pool.

Baisch looked into the pool area and observed discarded clothing. As Baisch looked for Palmer, he observed him in the parking lot next to the pool hiding behind a white vehicle. Baisch observed Leonelli exit the hotel tower and walk towards the parking lot. Before Baisch could radio Leonelli, Palmer came out from behind the vehicle and moved to approach her. Leonelli radioed Palmer had a knife, and Baisch began ran towards the pool area.

Upon arrival in the parking lot next to the pool, Baisch saw Palmer and noticed he had several bleeding cuts on his forearms and legs. Baisch spoke to Palmer, but did not get any verbal response from him. Palmer then raised the knife over his head and chased Baisch through the parking lot. As Baisch was being chased, he passed Leonelli and told her to run.

After creating distance from Palmer, Baisch called 9-1-1 to report the incident. Baisch lost sight of Palmer in the parking lot near the propane tanks. Baisch reentered the hotel, not knowing if Palmer had gone into the building.

Baisch heard Leonelli state over the radio Metro was on property. Baisch went back outside and saw Palmer laying on the ground. Baisch did not observe the officer-involved shooting.

Rosemary Leonelli

On 01-27-2017, at approximately 1207 hours, Detective Alsup conducted an audio recorded interview with Rosemary Leonelli inside of his unmarked LVMPD vehicle located in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Leonelli was working at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall as a uniformed security officer. Leonelli was dispatched to the pool area reference a naked male [Palmer]. When she arrived at the pool area she observed Palmer holding a knife at his side. Leonelli also noticed Palmer had several cuts on his arms and legs.

When Leonelli asked Palmer if he needed any help, Palmer raised the knife and walked towards her. Leonelli requested backup over the radio, and tried to get away from Palmer because she was afraid he was going to cut her with the knife. Another security officer arrived in the area and Palmer chased both of them with the knife.

Leonelli noticed a CCFD ambulance in the parking lot and ran to it. Leonelli told the firefighters to call the police because Palmer had a knife. A short time later Leonelli observed a marked police truck pull into the parking lot. A uniformed officer exited the truck and gave Palmer commands to put down the knife.

Leonelli took cover behind a vehicle, but heard the police officer yell at least four times to put down the knife down. Leonelli did not see Palmer or the police officer as her view was blocked by the vehicle she was hiding behind, but heard at least two gunshots. After the gunshots, the paramedics rendered aid to Palmer.

Michael Herrera

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1234 hours, Detective Patton conducted an audio recorded interview with Firefighter Herrera at fire station 87, 20400 S. Las Vegas Boulevard, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Herrera was a firefighter-paramedic and was assigned to station 87 in Jean, NV. Herrera and his partner, Matt Sagoian, drove to the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall parking lot to work out and parked their rescue vehicle on the east side of the south tower. As they were putting on their turnout gear, a female security guard approached them and stated there was a naked, bloody man [Palmer] with a knife in the parking area.

Herrera and Sagoian went to investigate and saw Palmer with a knife. Herrera observed a male security guard interacting with Palmer. Palmer walked towards Herrera and Sagoian, who retreated to their vehicle. Herrera and Sagoian climbed into their vehicle and locked the doors.

Palmer came around the corner of the building and Herrera saw he was bleeding from the arms and legs. Palmer walked around the vehicle two times as Herrera and Sagoian watched. Palmer did not attempt to get into the vehicle. Palmer then walked south through the parking lot. Herrera and Sagoian followed after Palmer while requesting assistance through their Dispatch. Herrera

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observed Palmer crouch behind a short fence in the parking lot near some propane tanks. Herrera believed Palmer was possibly getting ready to ambush someone.

Herrera stated while he and Sagoian were watching Palmer, Officer Bicsanszky arrived. Herrera pointed in the direction of where Palmer was and Officer Bicsanszky drove in that direction. Palmer then ran towards Officer Bicsanszky's stopped vehicle. Herrera saw Officer Bicsanszky exit his vehicle with the low lethal shotgun.

As Palmer approached, Officer Bicsanszky fired the low lethal shotgun three times, striking Palmer in the chest. Palmer appeared stunned and briefly retreated, but did not drop the knife. Palmer advanced on Officer Bicsanszky, who gave verbal commands to Palmer while he backpedaled. Officer Bicsanszky then drew his firearm.

Palmer continued to approach Officer Bicsanszky and threw the knife at him. At the same time, Officer Bicsanszky shot two times at Palmer. Palmer fell to the ground in front of the ambulance. Officer Bicsanszky bent down out of view of Herrera, but later stood up, and after the scene was safe, told Herrera and Sagoian to exit their vehicle.

Herrera and Sagoian rendered aid to Palmer. Herrera observed Palmer had a gunshot wound in the upper right chest area and did not see an exit wound. Herrera and Sagoian, with the assistance of bystanders, continued to give medical care to Palmer for approximately twenty minutes. Herrera stated UMC hospital was contacted and after advising the physician of the circumstances, at 1010 hours they were told to discontinue medical efforts. Herrera and Sagoian then had all personnel move away from the scene.

Samuel Taylor

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1243 hours, Detective Kenton conducted an audio recorded interview with Samuel Taylor. The interview was conducted inside Detective Kenton's LVMPD vehicle located in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 0935 hours, Taylor, a maintenance employee at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, was on the walkway between the two hotel towers when he observed a white male [Palmer] only dressed in socks, near the pool. Taylor notified Gold Strike security Dispatch of the situation. Security Officer Leonelli responded to the call. Taylor observed Leonelli make contact with Palmer. She then stepped back from Palmer to avoid contact. Leonelli radioed that Palmer had a knife. Taylor did not observe a knife in Palmer's hand. Taylor observed Security Officer Baisch respond to assist Leonelli. When he arrived Palmer became more aggressive and ran towards Leonelli and Baisch. He then observed Palmer chase both security officers east and then south around building.

Taylor then went to room 1923 and looked out the window. He observed Palmer on the ground and Officer Bicsanszky standing over him with his firearm pointed at Palmer. Officer Bicsanszky then holstered his firearm and placed Palmer into handcuffs. Taylor witnessed paramedics perform CPR on Palmer. He did not witness the officer-involved shooting or hear gunshots. Taylor then went back to work.

Tye Johnson

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1246 hours, Detective Penny conducted an audio recorded interview with Tye Johnson inside of his unmarked LVMPD vehicle located in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Johnson was doing mechanical work on semi-tractor trucks in the parking lot along with James Weaver when he heard two "pops." Johnson came out from the trucks and observed Palmer laying in front of the yellow emergency vehicle. Johnson observed Officer Bicsanszky kick a weapon away from Palmer, but Johnson did not see what it was. Johnson then approached the scene and assisted in rendering aid.

Johnson did not see the actual officer-involved shooting.

James Weaver

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1254 hours, Detective Penny conducted an audio recorded interview with James Weaver inside his unmarked LVMPD vehicle located in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Weaver was doing mechanical work on some trucks with Tye Johnson when he heard a couple of "pops." He came around the trucks and observed a parked police vehicle and Officer Bicsanszky pointing his firearm at a naked man [Palmer] who was on the ground. Palmer was trying to get up and Officer Bicsanszky kept yelling at him to stay put. Weaver approached to assist and was told to stay back.

Once Palmer was handcuffed, the paramedics got out of their truck and rendered aid. Weaver and Johnson assisted the paramedics with CPR until relieved.

Weaver did not witness the actual officer-involved shooting.

Matt Sagoian

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1300 hours, Detective Patton conducted an audio recorded interview with Firefighter Sagoian at fire station 87, 20400 S. Las Vegas Boulevard, Jean, NV. Below is a summary of the interview; for complete details refer to the interview transcript.

Sagoian was working an overtime shift at station 87. He and his partner, Michael Herrera, had driven over to the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall to run the stairs. After parking and exiting their vehicle, a female security officer approached them and stated there was a naked man [Palmer] with a knife chasing them [Leonelli and Baisch]. She also said Palmer was bleeding.

Sagoian and Herrera looked around the corner of the building and observed Palmer with a knife bleeding from his arms and legs. Palmer was approaching them, so Sagoian and Herrera got into their vehicle and locked the doors. The female security officer ran out of the area as Palmer

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circled the vehicle twice. Palmer walked away to the south as Sagoian and Herrera called their Dispatch and requested assistance.

Sagoian and Herrera moved their vehicle to keep an eye on Palmer. Palmer knelt down behind some propane tanks. Sagoian did not know if Palmer was hiding from security or waiting to catch a security officer so he could attack. Shortly after, Officer Bicsanszky arrived and pulled up next to Sagoian and Herrera. Sagoian pointed in the direction of Palmer and observed Palmer run at Officer Bicsanszky.

Sagoian observed Officer Bicsanszky exit his vehicle and back up while holding a bean bag shotgun. Sagoian heard Officer Bicsanszky yell while backing up to stop and put down the knife. As Palmer continued to approach, Officer Bicsanszky continued to back up, and fired three bean bag rounds at Palmer. Sagoian observed Palmer get knocked back, but then he regrouped. Palmer was still holding the knife.

Palmer sprinted towards Officer Bicsanszky, who fired two times (from his duty handgun). Sagoian said Palmer was shot one time in the right chest area. Sagoian said Palmer kept moving and Officer Bicsanszky told him to stop. After handcuffing Palmer, Officer Bicsanszky told the firefighters to come out of their rig, and they rendered aid to Palmer.

Sagoian stated Herrera told him Palmer had thrown the knife, but he did not see that.

Sagoian believed the officer had no other options in the incident.

Identification

Clothing believed to belong to Palmer was located near the jacuzzi area. No identification was located inside of or near the clothing.

CCOCME personnel arrived and collected finger and palm prints from Palmer which were sent to the FBI for comparison. The prints returned to Paul Carr Palmer III from Florida, with a DOB of [REDACTED]-1966 and social security number [REDACTED].

The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles provided a copy of Palmer's driver's license which did appear to be the decedent. A 1999 Dodge Caravan with Florida plate HFQF01 was located in the parking lot between the two towers of the hotel where Carr had chased the security officers. The vehicle was registered to Paul Palmer. A search of the vehicle was conducted and inside Palmer's Florida driver's license was located.

XII. TIMELINE

The below timeline is a reconstruction of events which transpired on Saturday, 01-21-2017 in relation to the fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred in the parking lot of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall, 1 Main Street, Jean, NV.

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Time (hours)	Description of Event/Action	Source
09:38:55	LVMPD Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a guest of the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall in Jean, NV stating there was a guest in the pool area with a knife.	Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)
09:39:36	The person reporting advised of a naked male [Palmer] with stab wounds running with a knife.	CAD
09:40:15	Palmer had threatened CCFD personnel and was running through the parking lot threatening other people.	CAD
09:41:14	Officer Bicsanszky arrived on scene.	Unit Log
09:41:37	Shots fired was broadcast.	CAD
10:10:00	Palmer was pronounced deceased.	

XIII. FORENSICS REQUESTS/RESULTS

Officer Firearm Examination

On 01-24-2017 an LVMPD Forensic Laboratory Request was submitted on Officer Bicsanszky's firearm for a function test and ballistic comparison evidence.

On 02-09-2017 Forensic Scientist II Anya Lester, P# 13771, submitted the Report of Examination – Firearms & Toolmarks with the following results:

Lab Item #	Impound Pkg #	Impound Item #	Description
1	014792-1	1	One Glock Model 21 Gen4 .45 Auto caliber semiautomatic pistol, serial number: [REDACTED]
2	014792-1	3	One magazine
3	009618-5	19	One "SPEER" .45 Auto cartridge case
4	009618-5	20	One "SPEER" .45 Auto cartridge case

Results and Conclusions:

Firearm

The Glock pistol was examined, test fired and found to be operational with no noted malfunctions. This pistol has a barrel length of approximately 4 5/8 inches, an overall length of approximately 8 1/4 inches and a trigger pull of 6 3/4 - 7 1/4 pounds. The submitted magazine fits and functions in this pistol and has a capacity of thirteen cartridges.

Cartridge Case Examination

The evidence and test fired cartridge cases were examined and microscopically inter-compared. Based on these comparative exams, it was determined that the two evidence cartridge cases had been fired by the submitted Glock pistol.

The evidence is returned to secure storage.

Biology/DNA Examination

On 02-02-2017 an LVMPD Forensic Laboratory Request was submitted on Palmer’s knife for Biology/DNA examination.

On 03-27-2017 Forensic Scientist II Marjorie Davidovic, P# 14726, submitted the Report of Examination – Biology/DNA Forensic Casework with the following results:

Lab Item #	Impound Pkg #	Impound Item #	Description	Examination Summary
Item 6	009618-6	21	“Army” folding knife with bronze-colored handle, model YC47051-AR, recovered from the Gold Strike Casino parking lot.	
Item 6.1			Swabbing from the grooved areas of the handle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive presumptive blood test
Item 6.2			Swabbing from staining on the smooth edge of the blade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive presumptive blood test
Item 5	008971-1	1	Reference standard from Paul Palmer	
<i>A presumptive test is an indication, but not confirmation, of the identity of a body fluid.</i>				

DNA Results and Conclusions:

Item 6.1, Item 6.2 and Item 5 were subjected to PCR amplification at the following STR genetic loci: TH01, D3S1358, vWA, D21S11, TPOX, DYS391, D1S1656, D12S391, SE33, D10S1248, D22S1045, D19S433, D8S1179, D2S1338, D2S441, D18S51, FGA, D16S539, CSF1 PO, D13S317, D5S818, and D7S820. The sex-determining Amelogenin locus was also examined.

Lab Item 6.1

The full DNA profile obtained from the swabbing from the grooved areas of the knife handle (Item 6.1) is consistent with Paul Palmer (Item 5). The probability of randomly selecting an unrelated individual from the general population having a DNA profile that is consistent with the full DNA profile obtained from the evidence sample is approximately 1 in 2.61 nonillion.

Lab Item 6.2

The full DNA profile obtained from the swabbing from staining on the smooth edge of the knife blade (Item 6.2) is consistent with Paul Palmer (Item 5). The probability of randomly selecting an unrelated individual from the general population having a DNA profile that is consistent with the full DNA profile obtained from the evidence sample is approximately 1 in 2.61 nonillion.

The evidence is returned to secure storage.

Latent Prints

On 02-27-2017 an LVMPD Forensic Laboratory Request was submitted on Palmer’s knife for a latent print examination.

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On 03-03-2017 Forensic Scientist II Gayle A. Johnson, P# 10208, submitted the Report of Examination – Latent Prints with the following results:

Latent Development and Recovery

Lab Item #	Impound Pkg #	Impound Item #	Description	Results and Conclusions
Item 6	009618-6	21	#21: FOLDING KNIFE – BRONZE/BLK, 3 1/4 IN BLADE W/ APPARENT BLOOD	No latent prints recovered.

The evidence is returned to secure storage.

XIV. WITNESS CANVASS

On 01-21-2017, at approximately 1240 hours, Detective Alsup conducted a witness canvass at the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall hotel rooms listed below. Below is a summary of the canvass.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PERSON CONTACTED</u>	<u>INFORMATION OBTAINED</u>
Room 1107	No answer.	Not applicable (N/A)
Room 1111	Ma Lingyun, CA ID# [REDACTED] 14230 Larking Court Fontana, CA 92336	Did not see or hear anything.
Room 1112	From China, did not speak English.	None.
Room 1114	No answer.	N/A
Room 1116	No answer.	N/A
Room 1117	No answer.	N/A
Room 1121	No answer.	N/A
Room 1122	No answer.	N/A
Room 1125	No answer.	N/A
Room 1127	No answer.	N/A