

**Office Of Internal Oversight Review**  
**KEY CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTCOMES OF A CATEGORICAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENT**  
**Officer-Involved Shooting—4786 Fairfax Avenue on February 15, 2011**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to publish key conclusions, recommendations and outcomes of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's internal review of this incident. There are a variety of actions that can be taken administratively in response to the Department's review of a deadly force incident. The review may reveal that no action is required or determine that additional training is appropriate for all officers in the workforce, or only for the involved officer(s). The review may reveal the need for changes in departmental policies, procedures, or rules. Where departmental rules have been violated, formal discipline may be appropriate. The goal of the review is to improve both individual and the agency's performance.

**Synopsis of Event:**

On February 15, 2011, at approximately 2047 hours, Tory Manvilla attempted to enter a residence at 4765 Fairfax Avenue while armed with a knife, claiming someone was chasing him. The residents of the house refused to allow Manvilla entry. Manvilla left prior to officers arriving.

At approximately 2056 hours, Manvilla forced his way into 4786 Fairfax Avenue and began tearing up the house. When Officers Guzman and Auten arrived at the front door, a female waved them inside. She told officers the subject was in the master bedroom and was armed with a steak knife. Officers directed the family to vacate the residence.

After entering, officers found Manvilla was locked in the master bathroom and would not respond to their commands. Officers Guzman and Henry were inside the master bedroom. Officers Auten and Leavitt were located in the hallway outside, looking in. Officer Guzman utilized his Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to talk Manvilla out of the bathroom, without success.

Shortly thereafter, as officers began to plan to exit the bedroom, create distance, and handle the incident as a barricade, Manvilla opened the bathroom door and charged toward the officers with a knife held high above his head. Officer Guzman fired one round, striking Manvilla in the chest. With Manvilla still holding the knife above his head, Officer Henry fired one round, striking him. Manvilla was transported to University Medical Center (UMC), where he was pronounced deceased.

For a detailed narrative of the incident, please see the District Attorney's decision, reference Tory Manvilla, Event Number 110215-3815, and the LVMPD Force Investigative Team (FIT) Officer's Report under the same event number.

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**Outcomes:**

The internal review resulted in the following:

1. The Use of Force Review Board determined the officers' actions were in accordance with Department Policy. No policy violations were found.
2. The internal review concluded the officers' performance was in accordance with Department standardized tactics and training.

**The Criminal Investigation:**

LVMPD FIT conducted the criminal investigation of this incident. Their investigation was submitted to the District Attorney's Office for review. In their examination of the FIT case submission, the District Attorney's Office determined that, "Based on the review of the available materials and the application of Nevada law to the known facts and circumstances surrounding the death of Troy Manvilla, it has been determined that the actions of Officers Juan Guzman and Mike Henry were reasonable and that the shots fired by Officers Guzman and Henry were justified to stop the advancement of the decedent and protect the officers on the scene. There is no evidence that the officers acted unlawfully, or with malice aforethought."

**LVMPD's Use of Force Review Board:**

This matter was heard by the Board on August 10, 2011, and the individual officers who used force were found to be justified in their actions. The Sheriff approved the Board's recommendation.

Below are conclusions made after the Use of Force Review Board and the internal review were completed:

***1) Tactics and the Use of Force***

During the initial response to this event, the facts and updates relayed information that the subject was armed with a knife and was trying to make entry into a residence. Circumstances changed further when the officers arrived and were advised that the subject had just forced his way into a second residence and was still in possession of the knife.

Due to the nature of the call, officers immediately responded to the residence, observed no one outside and the door leading into the residence open. Officers asked for and received a Code Red (channel designated for emergency traffic only). This allowed them a designated channel in the event of any exigent circumstances. They announced themselves by yelling, "Metro Police," and

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were met by a resident. The officers did not rush in and were able to ascertain the location of the suspect before entering.

Once the officers established the subject was locked in the bathroom, they shifted their initial commands of ordering the suspect out of the bathroom, to dealing with a suspect who is experiencing a volatile emotional crisis. Officer Guzman used his CIT skills in an attempt to reassure the suspect and coax him out of the room. They were also able to communicate to other officers the need to have more help inside, as well as obtaining coverage on the outside.

The officers made contact with the residents of the home regarding other exits and keys to the room in an effort to contain the suspect and, if necessary, gain access to the suspect's location. Officers communicated amongst themselves and re-thought the entry into the subject's location in favor of slowing the action. The officers attempted to use distance by positioning themselves as far away from the subject's position as possible given the confined space.

Upon the use of deadly force, the officers immediately communicated that shots had been fired and to have medical en route.

The review concluded Officers Guzman and Henry acted in self-defense and protected the lives of others when they used deadly force on Manvilla. Officers Guzman and Henry fired their weapons to stop and incapacitate Manvilla, who was charging at them with a knife.

The review noted that additional resources were requested to include CIT officer(s), a supervisor, the Air Unit, and K-9.

***2) Other Recommendations and Outcomes***

Since this incident, the Office of Internal Oversight, formally the Organizational Development Bureau, has worked closely with LVMPD Training units (both Advanced Officer Skills Training and Reality-Based Training) to create scenarios similar to this incident, and to update lesson plans.

This training has focused on de-escalation skills, force transitions, and team responses to critical incidents.