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Assistant Sheriff Tom Roberts Discusses June 1, 2017 OIS

Assistant Sheriff Tom Roberts addressed the media today about the officer involved shooting that occurred on June 1, 2017. On that date at approximately 10:51 p.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 1700 block of Eddingham Court to investigate reports of possible shots heard. Arriving officers were advised by a woman that a male, later identified as 27 year old Francisco Suarez, was involved in a domestic disturbance at the house and had fired several rounds. Suarez drove away in a truck prior to the officers arriving. The victim advised that Suarez was armed with a handgun and a rifle and indicated he would return to the scene and force a confrontation with police.

During the course of the investigation, officers attempted to contact Suarez by phone, but were unsuccessful. While officers were on scene, Suarez returned to the residence in a truck and parked in the middle of the cul-de-sac. Officers Hinckley, Puana, Rycraft and Herasimtschuk were on scene and attempted to de-escalate the situation and to have Suarez exit his truck peacefully. During the incident, Suarez pointed a handgun out of the truck window and fired at least two rounds at officers Puana and Herasimtschuk. All four officers returned fire from their duty weapons. Suarez was struck several times and pronounced deceased at the scene by arriving medical personnel. No officers were injured during the confrontation.

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

<https://youtu.be/stlK8acDBMY>

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