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LVMPD Investigates 7th Officer Involved Shooting of 2017

On May 31, 2017 at approximately 4:11 p.m. LVMPD patrol officers were dispatched to a parking lot located in the 2200 block of North Rancho Drive to investigate reports of a possible attempt by multiple female suspects to steal a vehicle. As officers arrived, the suspects got into another vehicle and left the scene. One officer attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, but the vehicle did not stop. Per department policy, the vehicle was not pursued, but officers started searching the surrounding area for the vehicle.

A short time later, the vehicle was located unoccupied in a neighborhood near the intersection of Vegas Drive and Sunset Drive. An officer observed a female walking away from the vehicle who matched the description of one of the suspects. The officer gave the woman commands to step in front of his vehicle and she did not comply. The woman was carrying a backpack or purse, and at some point produced a handgun from the bag. There was an exchange of gunfire between the suspect and the officer. Neither the officer nor the suspect was struck.

The suspect was taken into custody near the intersection of Silver Lake Drive and Vegas Drive by other arriving officers. The handgun the suspect fired was found in a trashcan near where she was taken into custody and was later found to have been reported stolen. Two other suspects were taken into custody at a casino nearby, and the last suspect was taken into custody just after 7:30 p.m. in the area.

This is the 7th officer involved shooting of 2017. Per LVMPD policy, the identity of the officer involved will be released after 48 hours.

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Captain Kelly McMahill of the LVMPD Office of Internal Oversight provided a brief statement regarding this incident. The video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: https://youtu.be/tLMxInDeH-0.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com, or text CRIMENV plus tip information to 274637 (CRIMES). Message and data rates may apply. Tips leading directly to an arrest or indictment processed through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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