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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **ARMED SUBJECT WHO MENACED NORTHWEST APARTMENT COMPLEX SHOOTS AT POLICE**

On February 23, 2011, 10:45 p.m., LVMPD Communications received numerous calls from citizens residing at the apartments located at the 9700 block of Grand Teton Drive. The callers reported that an unknown white male adult could be seen walking through the complex with a gun in his hand. The callers also stated that the subject was attempting to gain entry into several apartments. The armed suspect was knocking on and kicking doors, turning doorknobs, and looking through peepholes. At one time the subject jumped onto a resident's balcony. He advised one of the residents that he was a detective.

Metro Patrol officers arrived and located the subject. The suspect's description and demeanor matched that which was provided by the numerous callers. SWAT and Crisis Negotiators were summoned and arrived. The suspect continued to brandish the firearm and would not respond to requests or commands to peacefully relinquish the gun.

At 12:16 a.m. the suspect fired at SWAT officers leaving them no other option but to defend themselves and the residents of the complex. The suspect was struck when the officers returned fire. Medical assistance was promptly summoned, but the suspect died at the scene. The identity of the suspect will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office pending notification of family.

In accordance with LVMPD policy, the names of the officers involved in the shooting will be released after approximately 48 hours.

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