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## SUSPECT SHOT BY LVMPD OFFICER DURING VIOLENT DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

On Friday May 27, 2011 at 7:33 am, LVMPD officers were dispatched to 2917 Theresa Avenue after a 911 call was received at the LVMPD call center. The details given to the LVMPD Spanish language line stated a man at the address was stabbing a woman with a screwdriver.

Officers arrived and discovered the domestic battery was still occurring in a back bedroom. Officers observed a 36 year old Hispanic adult male as he battered a Hispanic female adult. The officer's gave numerous commands in Spanish and English for the suspect to release the woman. The suspect did not heed the officers' commands. The officers twice used their Electronic Control Devices (Tasers), while attempting to take the suspect into custody, but without effect. A physical altercation ensued and the suspect was able to gain control of an officer's ECD. As the suspect was attempting to grab another officer's Taser, he was shot by one of the officers.

Medical attention was immediately provided, but the suspect was pronounced dead by on scene medical personnel. The investigation into this incident remains ongoing.

The name of the deceased suspect and the exact cause and manner of death will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office. The name of the officer, who has been placed on routine paid administrative leave pending an investigation into this incident, will be released after 48 hours.

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