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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELEASED CONCERNING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

The investigation into Monday morning's officer involved shooting remains ongoing, and several additional facts have now been learned. L.V.M.P.D. Homicide Investigators assigned to the Department's Force Investigation Team have now interviewed the supervisors who were on scene during the incident, as well as numerous witnesses. The two patrol officers who were involved in this incident, and who have been placed on routine paid administrative leave, have not yet been interviewed by L.V.M.P.D. Homicide Investigators.

Consistent with the statement made by Sheriff Douglas C. Gillespie during his media briefing on Monday concerning this incident, these facts are now being made public.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, we have now confirmed that:

- The call which ultimately resulted in the O.I.S. was received at 11:23 p.m. on December 11, 2011.
- In that call a resident of the Alondra Condominium Complex stated two individuals, described as black male adults, were attempting to break into the caller's residence.
- The caller further stated the individuals had left the area in a large white Cadillac.
- Uniformed patrol officers, driving marked patrol vehicles, were dispatched to the area to investigate the reported attempted break in.
- After arriving at the call and interviewing the resident, the officers had returned to the parking lot to obtain the paperwork necessary to complete a police report on the incident.

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- While in the parking lot the officers observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle return to the area. The vehicle pulled into a parking space, and the driver shut off the lights and engine. No one exited the vehicle.
- When officers approached the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Stanley Gibson, started the vehicle and backed it out of the parking space in the direction of the patrol officers. The officers moved out of the way to avoid being hit by the vehicle.
- The Cadillac continued backing up, and ultimately struck the front of an arriving patrol vehicle. A second patrol vehicle immediately pinned the Cadillac in, attempting to keep it from further movement.
- Patrol officers immediately began ordering Gibson to exit the vehicle. Gibson failed to exit the vehicle, and for approximately 30 minutes remained within the Cadillac as officers continued to attempt to communicate with him using the public address system of a patrol car. At no time did Gibson respond to the officers, or acknowledge their attempted negotiations.
- During this 30 minute time period the engine of the Cadillac stopped and was restarted several times. On three occasions the engine was accelerated causing the right rear tire to spin.
- While the officers were attempting to communicate with Gibson additional assets arrived at the scene, and a tactical plan was developed to take Gibson into custody should he continue to ignore commands and refuse to exit the vehicle.
- The plan called for one officer to utilize a low-lethal shotgun, which fires a small bean-bag round, to shoot out the passenger side rear window of the vehicle. Following this an officer would approach the vehicle and discharge a quantity of O.C. spray through the open window. It was felt this would cause Gibson to exit the vehicle where he could be safely taken into custody.
- During this time other officers would provide cover for the officers carrying out the plan.
- A decision was made to continue attempting to communicate with Gibson as long as the vehicle appeared to remain stationary.
- When Gibson began accelerating the vehicle's engine and spinning the right rear tire in an attempt to break the vehicle free from its position, the plan was activated.
- The designated patrol officer fired one low-lethal bean-bag round through the passenger side rear window of the vehicle.
- Almost immediately after the bean-bag round penetrated the rear passenger window, a second officer discharged 7 rounds from an AR-15 rifle, striking and killing Gibson.

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As Sheriff Gillespie stated in Monday's media briefing, it is important for the community to be assured the L.V.M.P.D. fully evaluates every event involving the use of deadly force to determine the appropriateness of all aspects of our actions. If corrective actions are found to be necessary, they will be implemented.

This investigation remains ongoing, and many facts are yet to be discovered. As additional releasable information becomes available, those facts will be disseminated to all media outlets.

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