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HOMICIDE SUSPECT KILLED IN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE WITH POLICE

On January 31, 2011, at approximately 5:25 p.m. L.V.M.P.D. Patrol Officers were called to a residence in the 4600 block of Stacey Avenue in Northwest Las Vegas to check the welfare of one of the occupants. Arriving officers found the individual deceased from what appeared to be repetitive blunt force trauma.

The identity of the suspect in this homicide was provided to the Criminal Apprehension Team, a multi-jurisdictional unit comprised of officers from L.V.M.P.D., The Henderson Police Department, and the F.B.I.

Shortly before 2:00 a.m. on the morning of February 1, 2012, CAT Team Officers determined the suspect was the passenger in a vehicle which was traveling near the area of Carmen Boulevard and Michael Way, approximately two miles from the original homicide scene. When Officers stopped the vehicle the suspect fled on foot Eastbound through an alley and then Southbound on Michael Way. Officers pursued the suspect, both in vehicles and on foot, and observed the suspect to be carrying a handgun.

One Officer struck the fleeing suspect with his vehicle, causing the suspect to fall to the ground. When Officers approached, the suspect began firing, striking one L.V.M.P.D. officer. Two L.V.M.P.D. Officers and one Henderson Police Department Officer returned fire, striking and killing the suspect.

The injured officer was transported to the U.M.C. Trauma Center, where he is currently listed in stable condition.

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Because both L.V.M.P.D. and Henderson Police Officers were involved in the pursuit and capture of this suspect, both agencies will jointly investigate this incident.

The investigation into this incident remains ongoing. The identity of the suspect and the exact cause and manner of death will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office. The identity of the officers involved in this incident, who have been placed on routine paid administrative leave, will be released after 48 hours.

Anyone with any information concerning this incident should contact the L.V.M.P.D. Homicide Section at 828-3521 or Crime Stoppers by phone at 385-5555 or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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