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UNDERSHERIFF DISCUSSES DETAILS OF MARCH 16, 2014 OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Undersheriff Jim Dixon met with the media today to discuss additional details concerning the 4th LVMPD OIS of 2014. This incident began in the desert area approximately four miles south of the Jean Airport at 9:15 a.m. on March 16, 2014.

Employees from Vegas Skydiving reported that an armed individual pointed a handgun and threatened them while clearing a landing zone. They further stated the person was located in an RV and claimed to have an explosive device.

An LVMPD Resident Section officer responded and located the RV in the desert area. The officer attempted communication by using the police vehicle's PA system for approximately 20 minutes. During the contact, the suspect was heard yelling about the government and ultimately exited the RV armed with a long gun. At that time additional units were requested.

The LVMPD SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators were dispatched to the area. SWAT officers deployed to conduct tactical surveillance while other arriving officers were briefed. During that time, the suspect was observed throwing items and entering and exiting the RV. The suspect then exited the RV armed with a long gun. The suspect appeared to charge the weapon and pointed it in the direction of the officers who were briefing. Upon seeing this, SWAT sniper Officer Charles Moser fired one round striking and incapacitating the suspect.

SWAT officers quickly moved forward and cleared the area so the suspect could receive medical attention. Despite having a tactical physician present, all medical efforts to revive the suspect were unsuccessful and the suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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Due to concerns of a possible explosive device, K-9 explosive detection dogs were utilized to help clear the area of any hazards. Spent cartridges and two weapons were recovered from the ground around the RV. It is not believed that any firearms were discharged by the suspect during the confrontation.

The suspect has been identified as 58 year old Ronald Wayne Tate from Mesquite, NV and has no known criminal history.

Tate was armed with a Glock model 26, semi-automatic handgun, as well as one Kral Arms Raptor 12 gauge automatic shotgun. There were not any explosives recovered at the scene.

The press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-wHM_D35So

The LVMPD Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) is currently investigating this incident. The review will focus on tactics, training and policy as it relates to this use of force. The Force Investigation Team (FIT) review remains ongoing. Upon completion, the results of the FIT investigation will be turned over to the Clark County District Attorney for review.

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