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UNDERSHERIFF DISCUSSES DETAILS OF APRIL 29, 2014 OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Undersheriff Jim Dixon met with the media today to discuss additional details concerning the 7th officer involved shooting of 2014. This incident occurred on April 29, 2014 at a residence located in the 5400 block of Palm Street.

At approximately 2:04 p.m. a man, later identified as 47 year old Herbert Green, contacted the LVMPD Dispatch Center, claimed he was getting ready to be shot, and then disconnected the call.

Officers immediately responded to the location of the call. A patrol sergeant on the way to the residence, called Green in an attempt to collect more information about the situation. The sergeant advised arriving patrol officers to set up containment around the residence, but not to make direct contact with Green.

As officers set up containment around the home, Green refused to exit. Family members exited the residence and told officers there were firearms inside but they did not believe Green had access to them.

For the next ninety minutes, an officer certified as a Crisis Intervention Team member attempted to make contact with Green by bullhorn. The sergeant also had intermittent phone conversations with Green and attempted to have him exit the residence. During these attempts at communication, Green exited the residence several times, showed officers he only had a cell phone, and went back inside.

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The final time Green exited, he was armed with a handgun. He quickly moved to a corner of the residence where he encountered Officer Brooke Lavin and fired several shots at her, from distances as close as three feet. Both Officer Lavin and Officer Michael Henry returned fire and engaged Green in an extremely close-quarters gun battle.

Green, still armed, then ran down the driveway and encountered Officers Chad Cruse and Benjamin Baldassere, who also exchanged gunfire with him. Green then fell to the ground, was disarmed and restrained. Medical assistance was immediately summoned and Green was transported to the Sunrise Trauma Center where he was later pronounced deceased. Officer Lavin was also transported to the Sunrise Trauma Center due to hearing loss from the close proximity of Green's gunfire towards her head.

Green was armed with a 5-shot Ruger .38 special revolver. A photo of a representation of this weapon is included with this release. This is not a photo of the actual weapon recovered.

The press conference can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
<http://youtu.be/jypBhMw9drg>

This investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Section at 702-828-8452. To remain anonymous contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555 or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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