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Assistant Sheriff John McGrath Discusses October 4, 2021 OIS

Assistant Sheriff John McGrath provided additional details of the officer-involved shooting that occurred on October 4, 2021 in the 4100 block of Silver Dollar Avenue. Officers from the LVMPD's gang unit were conducting surveillance on a vehicle that had previously fled from officers during a traffic stop. The officers were in an unmarked vehicle and were dressed in plain clothes. The officers noticed a woman and 21-year-old Demetrious Roberts were in an argument as they walked towards the vehicle officers were surveilling. The plain clothes officers requested a marked patrol unit to respond.

Officer Theron Young and Officer Joel Blasko were riding together in a marked patrol unit and arrived in the alley seconds after the request was made. As the officers exited their patrol vehicle, Roberts began firing toward the officers. As Officer Young returned fire, Roberts ran away and headed towards Pennwood Avenue, took cover behind a vehicle.

Roberts once again fired towards officers, at which point, both officers returned fire. As Roberts began running away with the firearm in hand, Officer Young fired his weapon, striking Roberts. Officers immediately began to provide first aid. Medical personnel responded and pronounced Roberts deceased on scene.

The woman involved in this incident was also struck by gunfire. She was transported to UMC trauma where she was treated for her injuries and later released. An officer was treated and released by medical personnel at the scene after being struck by shrapnel.

A video of the briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
https://youtu.be/7jdq3nQZ5_w

This is the seventh officer-involved shooting of 2021. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is conducting the investigation into the officers' use of force in this incident. The findings will be forwarded to the Clark County District Attorney's Office for review.

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An examination of this incident is being conducted by the LVMPD Critical Incident Review Team. This review focuses on policy, tactics and training as it relates to this use of force.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Force Investigation Team 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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