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Assistant Sheriff Andrew Walsh Discusses October 12, 2021 OIS

Assistant Sheriff Andrew Walsh provided additional details of the officer-involved shooting that occurred on October 12, 2021 near East Charleston Boulevard and Sloan Lane. At approximately 9:33 a.m., the LVMPD dispatch center received a call from a citizen reporting a shooting in a fourplex apartment building located in the 5600 block of East Lake Mead Boulevard. The caller stated that the shooting was related to a domestic disturbance.

Arriving officers determined 43-year-old Mario Martinez, broke into his ex-girlfriend's residence and forcibly removed her while threatening her with a handgun. Martinez attempted to leave in the female victim's vehicle, however it had a dead battery. Martinez then forced the victim to walk with him.

Patrol officers located Martinez and the victim walking in the area of Charleston Boulevard and Sloan Lane. Officers tried to get Martinez to release the victim, but he refused. He began moving into a busy shopping center while holding the victim. Martinez was still armed with a firearm as he attempted to steal multiple occupied vehicles but was unsuccessful. Martinez held the victim as they made their way through a grocery store and eventually exited the store into the rear alley.

Martinez shot the window out of a box truck that was parked in the alley. He then forced the victim into the vehicle but was unable to get it started. Martinez then forced the victim to walk westbound in the alley towards Sloan. As Martinez reached the sidewalk on the east side of Sloan, he pointed his firearm at officers. The victim took this opportunity to walk away from Martinez. Officer Hiestand then fired his rifle at Martinez, striking him. Martinez fell to the ground and began firing shots from his handgun towards officers. Officer Hiestand returned fire and Martinez stopped shooting. Officers moved in to render aid, however Martinez was pronounced deceased by medical personnel on scene.

A video of the briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/HxNR9exjJPM>

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

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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