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Assistant Sheriff Andrew Walsh Discusses March 28, 2022 OIS

On March 28, 2022, at approximately 5:22 p.m., LVMPD Dispatch received a call from a citizen reporting a burglary in progress at a mobile home park located in the 2000 block of Palm Street. The caller advised that the suspect, later identified as 41-year-old Michael Allensworth, was armed with a firearm.

Arriving officers located Allensworth and quickly realized he was holding a firearm in his hand. Officers formed an immediate action team which included Officer James Villarreal, Officer Johnathan Cole, and Officer Beau Cooley. Officers attempted to persuade Allensworth to drop the weapon and surrender for approximately 40 minutes, but he refused.

During the interaction, Allensworth pointed his firearm at the officers, prompting officers Villarreal, Cole, and Cooley to discharge their firearms. Allensworth was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground. Medical personnel transported Allensworth to UMC where he was pronounced deceased.

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

<https://youtu.be/dPJYUYcfJmA>

This is an ongoing investigation. 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.

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