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Sheriff Joe Lombardo Addresses MS 13 Murders In the Las Vegas Valley

Today Sheriff Joe Lombardo and Homicide Captain Robert Plummer met with the media to discuss ten murders that have occurred in the Las Vegas valley over the last year. The LVMPD with the assistance of the FBI, the US Attorney's Office and law enforcement in Los Angeles and Fresno, California have been working together to solve these crimes.

Over the course of three months, detectives were able to link several murders through forensic evidence, proximity and similarities of the crimes. Detectives were able to make connections between the victims and suspects and identified members of the MS 13 gang as the suspects. The four adult suspects were taken into custody on March 2nd, 2018. Working with law enforcement in California, the investigation revealed that criminal activities there were related to our local crimes.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives identified and arrested five suspects to include a juvenile and recovered 18 firearms. The suspects are currently being held on federal immigration charges and are awaiting approval from the US Attorney's Office for the following charges:

- Kidnapping
- Assault with intent to commit murder,
- 1st degree Murder
- Use of Firearm Resulting in Death

Due to the ongoing investigation, the names of the suspects cannot be released at this time. The suspects range in age from 19-24 years old. The names of the victims are listed below.

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