

# Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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## Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman Discusses May 5, 2020 OIS

In a videotaped briefing, Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman provided additional details of the officer involved shooting that occurred May 5, 2020 at 3000 South Sandhill Road. At approximately 10:35 a.m., the LVMPD received reports that a man was outside of his apartment yelling and talking to himself. As responding officers walked to the apartment, they observed 40-year-old Justin Charland at the top of an outside stairwell yelling and wielding a sword.

Officer Segura and his partner stood some distance from the stairwell and asked Charland to put the sword down and tried to verbally deescalate the situation. After several minutes, Charland walked down the stairs armed with the sword. Officer Segura and his partner began a tactical retreat creating distance and directed Charland to put the sword down. Charland kept advancing and lunged towards Officer Segura with the sword in a striking position. Officer Segura fired three rounds striking Charland, who then fell to the ground. Officers took him into custody and provided first aid until medical arrived. Charland was transported to Sunrise Trauma where he was pronounced deceased.

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

[https://youtu.be/LX5Wd6DER\\_A](https://youtu.be/LX5Wd6DER_A)

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> officer involved shooting of 2020. 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.

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