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Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman Discusses May 12, 2018 O.I.S.

Assistant Sheriff Brett Zimmerman met with members of the media today to discuss additional details of the May 12, 2018 officer involved shooting that occurred in front of 3437 Big Sur Drive. At approximately 10:13 p.m. LVMPD officers were dispatched to a call of a female, later identified as 34-year-old Sommer Richards, threatening residents with a broom and a skillet. Additional information was received that Richards was armed with a shovel and was striking a vehicle.

Officer Wills arrived on scene in a marked patrol vehicle and observed Richards holding a shovel and following two people. Officer Wills positioned himself between the victims and Richards and began issuing verbal commands to drop the shovel. Richards disregarded the officer’s commands and was acting erratically.

During the course of the incident, the victims moved away from Officer Wills. Richards began to advance towards the victims still armed with the shovel. Officer Wills fired several rounds from his duty weapon striking Richards. Another officer arrived on scene an attempted to place a tourniquet on Richards and she bit him as he was attempting to render aid.

Richards was transported to Sunrise Trauma Center where she is currently in serious but stable condition.

A video of today’s press briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link: https://youtu.be/ZNSksiTaRcw

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This is the 6th officer involved shooting of 2018. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is currently investigating the officers’ use of force in this incident. Their 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 will focus 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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