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LVMPD Police Officer in Critical Condition After Being Shot During Protest

On June 1, 2020 at approximately 11:30 p.m., additional officers responded to the 2800 block of South Las Vegas Boulevard to assist with a group of rioters who were throwing rocks and bottles at officers. As officers were taking a person into custody, a gunshot was fired from across the street striking LVMPD Officer Shay Mikalonis. He was transported to UMC Trauma by medical personnel.

LVMPD Homicide Detectives responded to the scene and located video surveillance of the suspect, later identified as 20-year-old Edgar Samaniego, firing a handgun at the officers as he walked down the street. Detectives tracked Samaniego to a motel located across the street from the shooting. SWAT Officers responded and took Samaniego into custody.

Samaniego was transported to the Clark County Detention Center and booked on one count of Attempt Murder on a Police Officer and two counts of Unlawful Discharging of a Firearm.

A booking photo of Samaniego accompanies this release.

Officer Mikalonis remains in critical condition as of this release.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Homicide Section by phone at 702-828-3521, or by email at homicide@lvmpd.com. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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