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Assistant Sheriff Chris Jones Discusses September 9, 2020 OIS

Assistant Sheriff Chris Jones provided additional details of the officer involved shooting that occurred on September 9, 2020 on Las Vegas Boulevard and Sahara Avenue. A LVMPD patrol unit conducted a traffic stop on a red sedan for almost colliding with another vehicle near Joe W. Brown and Karen Avenue. During the vehicle stop, the officer identified the driver as 37-year-old Matthew Patton. A records check revealed Patton had a Felony Warrant out of Utah noting he was a violent sexual offender and should be considered armed and dangerous and had violent tendencies. Additional officers arrived and asked Patton to exit his vehicle numerous times. Patton refused, and officers negotiated with him for approximately 10 minutes. As more units were arriving, Patton drove his vehicle away from officers and a vehicle pursuit was initiated.

During the vehicle pursuit, ground units were called off and the air unit began surveillance as Patton drove through several area commands. Stop sticks were successfully deployed at Rainbow Boulevard and West Desert Inn which deflated two tires on Patton's Vehicle. Patton continued driving his vehicle towards the Strip and turned South on Las Vegas Boulevard from Sahara Avenue. At that point, patrol officers conducted the Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT) which disabled Patton's vehicle. Patton exited his vehicle and began running from officers and was holding two knives. Patton was given several verbal commands to stop running and drop the knives. Patton disregarded, and charged towards an officer with the knives as he deployed his Taser. Officers Hilton, Mazon, Ward and Grazioso discharged their handguns striking Patton. Medical responded and declared Patton deceased at the scene.

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

<https://youtu.be/H1eV50CgMD4>

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This is the 15th officer involved shooting of 2020. The LVMPD Force Investigation Team is conducting the investigation into the officers 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.

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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