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Man Throws Infant to Her Death

On October 24, 2020 at approximately 3:41 a.m., patrol officers were dispatched to an apartment complex located in the 10000 block of Jeffreys Street to investigate a domestic disturbance. The caller reported that a man, later identified as 32-year-old Clarence Martin Jr., had thrown a 2-month-old infant from a balcony. As officers arrived, they observed Martin fleeing in a vehicle but were unable to stop him. Officers located the infant and her mother who was performing CPR. The infant was transported to Saint Rose Sienna Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Martin was apprehended later at the airport after being involved in a collision.

The investigation by the LVMPD Homicide Section indicated that Martin was involved in a verbal dispute with his girlfriend. During the argument, Martin became angry and threw his two-month-old daughter from a second story balcony. The infant's mother ran outside to get her baby and called police. During that time, Martin started a fire damaging the inside of the apartment and killing the family dog.

Martin was hospitalized and was booked in absentia for Open Murder, Animal Cruelty and Arson.

The identity of the victim, as well as the cause and manner of death, will be released by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

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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