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Assistant Sheriff Andrew Walsh Discusses September 21, 2021 OIS

Assistant Sheriff Andrew Walsh provided additional details of the officer-involved shooting that occurred on September 21, 2021 in the 300 block of South 11th Street. At approximately 9:23 a.m., the LVMPD dispatch center received a call from a citizen reporting that there were two males in an argument in the 400 block of South 11th Street. The caller stated one of the males, 30-year-old Trent Leach, was armed with a handgun.

Two LVMPD patrol officers were already in the area and observed the two males in an alley just east of 11th Street. The officers attempted to detain Leach, but he refused to obey verbal commands and fled on foot. The officers initiated a foot pursuit and followed Leach until he entered a vacant building located in the 300 block of South 11th Street. Officers set up a perimeter and treated the situation as a barricaded armed subject.

LVMPD SWAT and Crisis Negotiators responded to the scene and took over tactical control of the incident. During the barricade, an unrelated male exited the building and confirmed Leach was still inside and armed with a handgun. Crisis negotiators attempted to communicate with Leach for several hours, but he was uncooperative. Over the course of the incident, Leach fired approximately 20 rounds from inside the building toward officers, endangering them and the public.

At approximately 2:33 p.m., Leach leaned out of a rear door and pointed his gun toward officers. SWAT Officer Adam fired a single shot from his rifle, striking Leach. Medical personnel pronounced Leach deceased at the scene.

A video of the briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2sEztKDH0>

This is the sixth officer-involved shooting of 2021. 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.

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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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