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DA Filing Child Neglect Charges in Death of 8-Year Old Boy

The investigation into the death of an 8-year old boy, from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, has been completed and submitted to the Clark County District Attorney's Office. After reviewing the submission, it has been determined that Jeffrey Hamilton, who is the boyfriend of the boy's mother, will be charged with one felony count of Child Abuse, Neglect or Endangerment. The punishment for this charge ranges from probation to time in prison.

The case was reviewed by District Attorney Steve Wolfson, several senior attorneys in the office, including a Chief Deputy District Attorney with the Special Victims Unit, and investigators with both the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Family Services. Several factors contributed to the filing of charges for a negligent act that led to the death of the young boy.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Hamilton had multiple guns in the home, failed to adequately secure the weapons and further failed to provide adequate supervision to the children by leaving the 8-year old boy, and his 5-year old sister, home without adult supervision. Additionally, there was an incident approximately two years ago, where this same 8-year old boy accidentally discharged the same handgun that ultimately killed him. The gun was a 9mm semi-automatic handgun.

"This is a sad day. A young boy is dead, a family is grieving and nobody wins in a situation like this. However, at the end of the day, there are laws that I am obligated to uphold," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Parents and guardians have an obligation to protect children, and to keep them from situations where they are in danger. Leaving these children home alone, with loaded weapons that were not properly secured, contributed to this young boy losing his life".

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