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DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of Donovan Anderson

In a report released today involving the death of Donovan "Kyle" Anderson on September 22, 2015, the Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of North Las Vegas Police Department officers (NLVPD) were legally justified and reasonable.

On that date, a man called 9-1-1 to report that Mr. Anderson was in his home, arguing with his daughter, who was Mr. Anderson's former girlfriend and mother of his children. It was also reported that the children were in the home and that Mr. Anderson was armed with a 20 gauge shotgun.

NLVPD officers arrived at the scene, and instructed the homeowner and his daughter to leave the home. They were able to escape and bring one of the small children with them. The other two children were still inside the home with Mr. Anderson. Officers were informed that the children were in the home and Mr. Anderson, who had threatened to kill the homeowner and his daughter, was armed with a shotgun. NLVPD SWAT was called to respond to the scene.

After SWAT arrived and took positions around the home, Mr. Anderson exited the house and aimed his shotgun at officers. Shots were exchanged. Two of the officers were struck, and Mr. Anderson suffered fatal gunshot wounds. The officers suffered non-life threatening injuries.

The autopsy report revealed that Mr. Anderson had clonazepam, hydrocodol, hydroprmorphone, marijuana and very high levels of methamphetamine in his system at the time of his death.

"The primary focus in this situation was to ensure the safety of the innocent people in the home, especially the three small children," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Mr. Anderson's choice to fire at officers forced them to use deadly force to stop him from harming anyone else at the scene."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on January 6, 2017. Clark County Code mandates such a review when a police-involved death occurs, and the prosecutor preliminarily determines that no criminal prosecution of the officers is appropriate

The determination that the officers acted lawfully in this situation is based upon the evidence available at this time. The case could be reexamined if new information comes to light.

The full report is available on the District Attorney's [Web page](#).