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### **DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of Caleb Blaylock**

In a report released today involving the death of Caleb Blaylock on July 11, 2017, the Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Officers were not criminal in nature.

On July 11, 2017, after witnessing an altercation in the parking lot of the Super Pawn located at 4111 Rancho Drive, an employee of the store called 911 to report what had happened, including the fact that Mr. Blaylock had attempted to rob two people with a knife. A patrol officer arrived at the scene and spoke to the person who reported the incident. During this conversation, Mr. Blaylock returned to the area and was seen walking northbound on Rancho Drive. The officer began to follow Mr. Blaylock, activated his emergency lights, and attempted to conduct a person stop. He instructed Mr. Blaylock to show his hands, and then to drop his knife. Mr. Blaylock ignored the officer and continued walking northbound on Rancho. The officer again instructed Mr. Blaylock to stop and drop his knife. Rather than stopping, Mr. Blaylock began stabbing himself in the neck. The officer continued to give commands for Mr. Blaylock to stop, at which time Mr. Blaylock charged toward the officer, with the knife still in his hand. The officer fired two rounds and continued giving Mr. Blaylock commands to stop. When Mr. Blaylock continued to advance toward the officer, with the knife now above his head in a threatening manner, the officer fired four more rounds. Mr. Blaylock died at the scene.

The autopsy toxicology report showed that Mr. Blaylock had alcohol, codeine and morphine in his system.

"Prior to contact with the officer, Mr. Blaylock had threatened two other men with a knife," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "His decision to ignore the officer's commands to drop his weapon, and then to charge at the officer with the knife, left the officer with no choice but to defend himself and others in the area."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on February 15, 2018. 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 officer 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](#).