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## DA Releases Report on Heki Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of the police officers involved in the Dec. 7, 2013, death of Patrick Heki were reasonable and legally justified.

According to the report released today, police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call regarding Heki, who was armed with a handgun and two rifles. Upon nearing the apartment Heki was in, the officers heard gunshots. Police officers saw Heki with the guns and ordered him to drop the weapons, but instead when Heki exited the apartment he pointed a handgun at one of the officers. This prompted the officers to shoot Heki.

"The police officers were confronted with a dangerous situation and a real threat of deadly force," District Attorney Steve Wolfson said. "It appears the decedent was long-troubled. It is tragic that his life ended as it did."

According to the report, Heki had tried to commit suicide in January 2012, and on the day of the deadly confrontation with police Heki had told his parents that he planned to hurt officers and others that night.

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on July 11. Clark County Code mandates such a review when a police-involved death occurs, and the prosecutor preliminarily determines that no criminal prosecution of the officer 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](#).

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