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DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of Craig Cuddihy

In a report released today involving the death of Craig Cuddihy on September 28, 2017, the Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) officer involved were legally justified and reasonable.

On September 28th, Henderson Police Department (HPD) requested assistance locating a man who was reported to them as suicidal. HPD also reported that Mr. Cuddihy was possibly armed with a handgun or rifle and, based on his cell phone location, they believed him to be in the area of 6020 W. Charleston Blvd.

LVMPD officers contacted dispatch for an update on the location of the cell phone and responded to the Auto Zone at 5810 W. Charleston Blvd., where they saw Mr. Cuddihy in the parking lot. They requested additional officers in order to create a perimeter, but Mr. Cuddihy left the parking lot before the other officers arrived. As Mr. Cuddihy drove toward the responding officers, he mouthed the words "shoot me" several times. An LVMPD Air Unit followed his vehicle and reported that he was entering the Cal Ranch parking lot at 276 N. Jones Blvd. Officers responded to this new location and found Mr. Cuddihy had pulled behind the buildings in the shopping center and exited his vehicle holding a handgun in his right hand. Again, Mr. Cuddihy mouthed the words "shoot me." Officers gave him commands to drop his weapon, and pleaded with him not to do this, but instead he raised the gun to his head and fired one round. Simultaneously, one of the officers believed Mr. Cuddihy was raising his weapon to fire at the officers so he fired one round, striking Mr. Cuddihy in the chest.

An autopsy revealed that Mr. Cuddihy died from the self-inflicted gunshot wound. The coroner ruled his death a suicide. Additionally, the toxicology results of the autopsy showed he had Xanax, Cocaine, Methamphetamine and Oxycodone in his system.

"Throughout this incident, it was apparent that Mr. Cuddihy was suicidal. He even went as far as asking officers to shoot him," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Ultimately, he ended up taking his own life. This was a tragic end to this situation."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on May 4, 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 officer 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](#).