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### **DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of George Tillman**

In a report released today involving the death of George Tillman on June 25, 2017, the Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) SWAT officers involved were reasonable and legally justified.

On June 25, 2017, LVMPD officers responded to a call reporting a hostage situation at the home of George Tillman and his girlfriend. Officers learned that Mr. Tillman had shot his girlfriend during a domestic dispute, and she fled the home to get help. The couple's four-year-old daughter was still in the home, and Mr. Tillman had threatened to kill the girl, and any police officers who interfered.

After the first responding officers at the scene reported that Mr. Tillman exited the house wearing a gun holster and spare magazines, then retreated back into the house, additional officers on the other side of the house reported someone was shooting at them from inside the house. Responding officers then requested that SWAT respond to the scene as well. Prior to the arrival of SWAT, Mr. Tillman fired five rounds at the officers positioned near the front of the house, striking a mailbox, a tree and two vehicles.

When SWAT arrived, they set up explosive charges on several doors of the house and garage. After SWAT entered the home, Mr. Tillman fired at least 10 rounds at officers as he fled to the back of the house, where his four-year-old daughter was located. Officers followed him to the master bedroom, where they saw the child in one bed and Mr. Tillman sitting on the end of another bed in the same room. Mr. Tillman fired at officers again. This time, they returned fire, striking him multiple times. Mr. Tillman was transported to UMC, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy toxicology report revealed that Mr. Tillman had the following in his system: alcohol, Pseudoephedrine, Norpseudoephedrine, and THC. In a subsequent interview with Mr. Tillman's girlfriend, it was reported that Mr. Tillman was bipolar and used marijuana and alcohol regularly.

"In the weeks leading up to this incident, and on the day of the incident, Mr. Tillman made multiple death threats to his girlfriend, her children, his own child and his girlfriend's ex-husband. He also threatened to kill any cops who got involved," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Fortunately, his actions did not result in any other loss of life, especially that of his own child, who was near him in the same room during the shooting."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on April 27, 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](#).