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## DA Releases Report on Scheboth Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of members of the Henderson Police Department (HPD) involved in the August 20, 2013 death of Edward Scheboth, were reasonable and legally justified.

According to the report released today, HPD officers were working a fatal traffic incident on Boulder Highway and College Drive. One of the officers assigned to conduct traffic control was sitting in her vehicle with the driver side door open when she heard several "pops". As she looked around to see what the noise was, she saw a man, who was later identified as Edward Scheboth, approaching her vehicle and firing a handgun at her. The officer determined she did not have time to pull her gun and return fire so she put her car in drive and drove away from the area, while calling for back-up. Two officers who were also working the accident scene drove to her location. As they approached, Scheboth turned his attention to them and started shooting, striking the passenger side mirror of their patrol car. The officers stopped and exited their vehicle, using it to shield them from the gunfire. Scheboth continued to fire his handgun at the officers, striking the vehicle two more times. Both officers returned fire, and Scheboth was shot once in the head. Another responding officer called for medical assistance. Scheboth was transported to Sunrise Hospital Trauma and later died from his injury.

"This incident started with Mr. Scheboth ambushing a Henderson Police Officer while she was assisting with traffic control at an unrelated fatal car crash. He fired several rounds at her, while walking toward her, shooting out the rear window of her patrol vehicle," District Attorney Steve Wolfson said. "Based on the investigation conducted at the scene, it was apparent Scheboth was heavily armed and intent on killing someone that day. Based on witness accounts, it was obvious that he was intentionally targeting police officers. Thankfully, nobody else was harmed in this incident."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on May 30, 2014. 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](#).