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D.A.'s Office Charges Officer in Death of Tashi Brown

In a Criminal Complaint filed today in Las Vegas Justice Court, the Clark County District Attorney has charged Kenneth Lopera, an officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, with the death of Tashi Brown. Mr. Brown died while in police custody on May 14, 2017.

Mr. Lopera is facing two charges: Involuntary Manslaughter and Oppression Under Color of Office. He has posted bond and is scheduled to return to court on August 21, 2017.

"A lot of research, thought and deliberation went into the decision to charge this on-duty officer with a crime," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "We recognize that the job of a police officer is challenging, and they face a variety of situations that most of us cannot even imagine. Nevertheless, police officers are not immune from prosecution when their conduct crosses the line and becomes criminal."