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DA's Office Releases Report on William Snider, Sr.

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) officers on August 23, 2015, were reasonable and legally justified. The report released today describes the events leading up to Mr. Snider's death.

LVMPD responded to a "shots fired!" call at a residence on Lakehurst Road. When the officers arrived at the scene, they saw Mr. Snider walking in and out of his residence, armed with a rifle. When he was directed to put his rifle down, Mr. Snider said, "I'm not going to do that." Because he refused to put down his rifle, responding officers requested SWAT and the Crisis Negotiation Team.

As SWAT officers took positions on rooftops across the street from Mr. Snider's residence, negotiators attempted to communicate with Mr. Snider. Throughout the negotiations, Mr. Snider exited his home and walked down his driveway, continually disregarding repeated commands to drop his weapon. Ultimately, Mr. Snider raised his rifle and aimed it in the direction of SWAT officers in an armored vehicle in front of his house. The two SWAT officers positioned on the rooftops across the street fired their weapons, striking Mr. Snider. He was transported to University Medical Center for treatment. He died from his injuries. The autopsy revealed Mr. Snider had Alprazolam, Hydromorphone-Free and Oxymorphone-Free in his system.

"In this situation, efforts were made to negotiate with Mr. Snider and convince him to put down his weapon," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Not only did he ignore the officers' commands, but he aimed his rifle at them as well. SWAT officers responded with lethal force to protect officers and civilians in the area from this threat."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on June 15, 2016. Clark County Code mandates such a review when a police-involved death occurs, and the prosecutor preliminarily determines that no criminal prosecution of the officers 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](#).