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DA's Office Releases Report on Danny Wadsworth Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the May 30, 2014, death of Danny Wadsworth and determined that the actions of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) officers were not criminal, and they did not cause his death.

In a report released today, on May 30, 2014, Metro officers responded to a robbery in Town Square. It was reported that the suspect, later identified as Danny Wadsworth, robbed two women at gunpoint and stole several items, including an iPhone. As Mr. Wadsworth left the parking lot he fired his handgun one time, in an attempt to intimidate the people in the area. Using the "Find My iPhone" application, officers were able to track the victim's cell phone and locate Mr. Wadsworth. Officers saw a vehicle matching the description of the one being driven by Mr. Wadsworth and a patrol officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop. He refused to stop and instead fled from police. Ultimately, Mr. Wadsworth crashed into the center median near Sahara Avenue and Tam Drive, and struck another vehicle traveling west on Sahara. The crash disabled Mr. Wadsworth's vehicle.

As one of the officers at the scene was issuing verbal commands, gunfire was heard from inside the vehicle. Officers believed that Mr. Wadsworth was shooting at them, so they returned fire, striking the vehicle he was in. As officers approached the vehicle, they determined Mr. Wadsworth was deceased. Mr. Wadsworth was in the driver's seat with a revolver in his right hand. He had apparently shot himself.

An autopsy report confirmed that the cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, and the manner of Mr. Wadsworth's death was ruled a suicide. None of the rounds fired by officers struck Mr. Wadsworth.

"My office reviews every case where an officer is involved in a use of force that may have injured or killed a citizen," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "In this case, the officers did not cause Mr. Wadsworth's death, and therefore there are no criminal charges to consider."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review will not be held in this case. 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](#).