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DA Releases Review of Hoey's Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the Henderson Police Department officers involved in the November 2012 death of Justin Hoey acted reasonably and lawfully.

"Mr. Hoey repeatedly ignored officers' commands to drop his weapon, and instead pointed it at the police," District Attorney Steven Wolfson said. "Mr. Hoey showed a blatant disregard for his own life and the lives of those around him. "

According to the review released today, the police initially responded to reports of Hoey stealing a vehicle, punching the victim in the face and threatening to kill her. Upon locating Hoey, officers pursued him on foot in the area of St. Rose Parkway and South Eastern Avenue. The chase ended when Hoey came to the bottom of an embankment next to a wash, which was secured by a small concrete wall and a chain link fence. Officers standing on top of the embankment gave repeated commands for Hoey to drop his weapon. Hoey refused to drop the weapon and threatened to take his own life. During more than an hour of negotiations with an officer trained in crisis negotiations, Hoey never took his finger off the trigger of his gun. Ultimately, Hoey pointed the gun at the law enforcement officers who, fearing for their lives, shot him.

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted on June 14, and the report released today is meant to be considered in conjunction with that Review.

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 review is available on the District Attorney's [Web page](#).

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