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### **DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of Steven Price**

In a report released today involving the death of Steven Price on May 6, 2017, the Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police (LVMPD) Officers were legally justified and reasonable.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, LVMPD received a 911 call from a security guard who reported a man was swinging a shovel and attempting to hit him. The security guard had used pepper spray on the assailant, who, after chasing the guard to the front entrance of the housing complex, returned to his home. When officers arrived at his home, Mr. Price's vehicle was in the driveway, with the engine running, the doors open and the radio playing loudly. Mr. Price was on the second floor of his home yelling at officers from a window.

As officers attempted to make to make contact with him from outside, he continued yelling at them and then exited the house with a pick-axe in his left hand and a small hatchet in his right hand. Officers gave him commands to put down the weapons. He refused and advanced toward one of the officers, who fired his low-lethal shotgun, striking Mr. Price in the chest. Mr. Price then turned and advanced toward the other officer. The first officer fired a second low-lethal round, striking Mr. Price in the back. Both rounds were ineffective at subduing him. Mr. Price then threw the hatchet toward one of the officers, who fired his handgun, striking Mr. Price several times. As Mr. Price was struck, he hurled the pick-axe in the direction of the other officer on scene. Mr. Price died at the scene.

The autopsy toxicology report concluded that Mr. Price had alcohol and marijuana in his blood.

"Officers first attempted to use non-lethal force to subdue Mr. Price. Unfortunately, he continued to advance toward them with his weapons, even after being struck by the bean bag rounds," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Officers eventually used deadly force to stop the threat and protect themselves and the innocent neighbors in the area."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on November 30, 2017. 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](#).