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DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of Lloyd Napouk

In a report released today involving the death of Lloyd Napouk on October 27, 2018, the Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) officers involved were legally justified.

On October 27, 2018, LVMPD officers responded to multiple calls about a suspicious person, later identified as Mr. Napouk, carrying a sword or a machete and wandering on and off properties within their neighborhood. Callers believed he was attempting to break into vehicles and/or homes. When officers located Mr. Napouk, they observed him carrying what appeared to be a black machete, (it was later determined, through the investigation, that the weapon he was carrying was a 22-inch, plastic homemade machete).

Officers gave verbal commands for him to drop the weapon. He refused to drop the weapon and mumbled 'get out of here' to the officers. Officers continued to give commands to Mr. Napouk to drop the weapon, but he continued to walk toward them and ignore the commands. At one point, as captured on a body worn camera, an officer warns Mr. Napouk, 'if you take one more step, I will shoot you', to which Mr. Napouk replied, 'I know'. Mr. Napouk then continued to advance toward one of the officers, and another officer fired his weapon to protect his fellow officer. Officers at the scene performed CPR on him and applied pressure to his wounds until medical personnel arrived. He was later pronounced dead at University Medical Center.

The toxicology report done at the time of his autopsy showed that Mr. Napouk had very high levels of Methamphetamine and THC in his system at the time of his death.

“By all witness accounts, and as evidenced on the body worn cameras, officers made every effort to de-escalate the situation and get Mr. Napouk to drop the weapon and be taken into custody peacefully,” said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. “Only when he advanced on the officers did they use deadly force to stop the threat.”

A Police Fatality Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on May 16, 2019. Clark County Code mandates such a review when a police-involved death occurs, and the prosecutor preliminarily determines that no criminal prosecution of the officer 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](#).