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DA's Office Releases Report on the Death of Danzel Boyd

In a report released today involving the death of Danzel Boyd on August 3, 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 and reasonable.

On August 3, 2018, LVMPD officers identified the location of a subject involved in multiple incidents around the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino involving robbery, kidnapping and sexual assault. Detectives with the Major Violator Section of LVMPD responded to the apartment complex, where Mr. Boyd was known to be staying. As officers announced their presence and asked Mr. Boyd to exit the apartment peacefully, he fired several rounds at them from inside the apartment. SWAT was requested at the scene, as well as crisis negotiators. The negotiators were able to contact Mr. Boyd via phone, but he hung up on them each time they called. The residents in the surrounding apartments were evacuated, and LVMPD began to breach doors, windows and walls, in an attempt to get Mr. Boyd to exit the apartment. Each time there was a breach, Mr. Boyd fired his gun in the direction of the breach.

The final breach was to an interior wall between Mr. Boyd's apartment and the adjacent apartment. A K-9 officer was deployed, and the dog alerted that someone was in the bathroom, which had the door closed. SWAT officers breached the bathroom door and found Mr. Boyd in the bathtub. As the first officer entered the room, Mr. Boyd raised his gun and fired at the officer. The officer returned fire, striking Mr. Boyd multiple times. Simultaneously, a second officer was entering the bathroom and saw the first officer falling toward Mr. Boyd. Thinking the first officer had been shot, the second officer fired two rounds from his rifle at Mr. Boyd.

The tactical doctor that was standing by on the scene examined Mr. Boyd and determined he was deceased. Investigation after the shooting found that Mr. Boyd had two guns and multiple spent shell casings in the bathtub with him.

The toxicology report from the autopsy revealed that Mr. Boyd had Methamphetamine and THC in his system.

“Mr. Boyd was a very dangerous individual, wanted for violent crimes he committed shortly after being released from prison,” said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. “Witnesses reported that he repeatedly stated he would ‘shoot it out with officers’, and that he was ‘not going back to prison’. Unfortunately, his actions left officers with no other choice than to use deadly force to protect themselves and the innocent people in the area.”

A Police Fatality Fact-Finding Review was conducted in this incident on May 13, 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](#).