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DA's Office Releases Report on Herbert Earl Green Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the April 29, 2014, death of Herbert Earl Green and determined that the actions of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) officers were legally justified.

In a report released today, on April 29, 2014, Metro officers responded to a call from Mr. Green in which he told the dispatcher that he was about to be shot. Officers arrived at the address given to the dispatcher and set up a perimeter. Officers were informed by family members that there were firearms in the residence. After the home was evacuated, a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer attempted to convince Mr. Green to surrender. Nearly two hours after the initial call, Mr. Green came out of the home with a gun and shot at one of the officers. At that point, a second officer drew his weapon and fired at Mr. Green. Mr. Green then turned toward that second officer, and pointed his gun at him. The second officer fired several more shots as Mr. Green ran past him, pushing him away in the process. Mr. Green then stumbled toward the street and turned with his gun pointed at the officers. In total, four officers fired at Mr. Green.

An autopsy report confirmed that Mr. Green died from multiple gunshot wounds. The toxicology report indicated the presence of methamphetamine in his system.

"This was a clear case of officers defending themselves and innocent bystanders in the area," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Understanding that Mr. Green had some mental health issues, and was under the influence of drugs, the CIT officer attempted to get him to surrender peacefully. Unfortunately, Mr. Green chose to exit the home and shoot at the officers."

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was held on August 21, 2015. 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.