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### Media Release

#### **Officer Involved Shooting After Pursuit with Suspect**

On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at approximately 7:25 a.m., a Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper riding as a two person unit, observed a black Scion Xb traveling southbound on US95 near Las Vegas Blvd in a reckless manner. The trooper attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the Scion. The suspect vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated. The trooper discontinued pursuing the suspect vehicle near US95 and Eastern Ave.

At 7:26 a.m., a second Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper observed the Scion southbound on US95 near Boulder Hwy and again initiated pursuit of the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued to travel southbound on US95, exited Sunset Rd and continued back onto southbound US95 from Sunset Rd. The suspect vehicle exited onto westbound Auto Show Dr and continued south on Gibson Rd where it continued over the raised center median into the Cadillac service drive located at 993 Auto Show Dr. Henderson, NV 89014. The suspect driver who was described as a Hispanic male adult exited the Scion and fled on foot towards the business where he confronted an elderly male driver in a red Cadillac. The suspect violently removed the elderly male from the driver's seat of his Cadillac and threw him to the ground. Civilian witnesses attempted to intervene until the pursuing trooper arrived on scene moments later. Once the trooper arrived he attempted to take the suspect into custody where a struggle ensued. The suspect entered the red Cadillac and the trooper fired striking him. The suspect was taken into custody and troopers immediately began to render lifesaving efforts. The suspect was transported to Sunrise Hospital where he remains in stable condition.

At 7:32 a.m. NHP dispatch was notified that after the initial pursuing trooper discontinued pursuit, the Scion was being operated on the left shoulder of southbound US95 near Charleston and struck a black Infiniti that was in the left travel lane. The adult male driver of the black Infiniti was uninjured.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the suspect from an earlier carjacking is the same subject that fled from NHP troopers. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department received calls at 7:16 a.m. of a carjacking that occurred at the AMPM convenience store located at 2320 Fremont St. where a Hispanic adult suspect confronted an adult female with a black Scion Xb in the parking lot. The suspect forcefully took the vehicle causing injury to the female victim. She was transported to UMC with non-life threatening injuries.

The Nevada Highway Patrol will be holding a press conference in regards to the Trooper involved shooting at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the Nevada Highway Patrol Southern Command Headquarters located at 4615 W. Sunset Rd Las Vegas, NV 89118.

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