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Media Release

Shots Fired Call in Carson City Results in Local Man Being Shot by Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at approximately 9:29 a.m., Carson City dispatch received a 911 phone call of a white male that had shot a gun in the Managers Office of the Apartments located at 505 S. Roop St. The 911 caller reported that the male suspect had shot his weapon. These apartments are located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 5th and South Roop Streets in Carson City, Nevada.

At the time of the call Trooper Chris Johnson #180, a 17 year veteran of the Highway Patrol, was on duty at the Carson City Sheriff's / Nevada Highway Patrol Sub Station which is two blocks north of where the reported "shots fired" call had originated.

Trooper Johnson arrived on scene at approximately 9:33 a.m. with Deputies of the Carson City Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Additional staff from both agencies were en route.

Trooper Johnson retrieved his division issued AR15.

At the time of law enforcements arrival, the exact location of the male shooter within the complex was still unclear. Verbal commands for the shooter to exit the complex were being issued by law enforcement with no response from anyone in the complex.

A male witness advised Trooper Johnson that the shooter was inside one of the adjacent rooms (#99 or #100) which was accessible through #98.

As he approached the entrance to room #99 he observed an older white male (later identified as Henry Simpson, a local resident of the apartment complex) within room #99 holding a revolver in his hand. Multiple verbal commands were given by Trooper Johnson for Simpson to drop the weapon. Simpson failed to follow the verbal commands, based on movements made by Simpson, Trooper Johnson fired three shots striking Mr. Simpson in the chest.

Medical personnel were called immediately and the scene was secured. Mr. Simpson was pronounced deceased on scene due to the injuries sustained in the shooting.

Per the Memorandum of Understanding between the Carson City Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety, it was determined that the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was to be the investigative lead due to their non-involvement in the shooting.

Agencies involved in the investigation are: Douglas County Sheriff's Office Nevada Highway Patrol Carson City Sheriff's Office Nevada Department of Investigations

A formal Press Conference will be held at the Department of Emergency Management in Carson City Nevada, at 1:00pm on Monday, the 7th of November.