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Sheriff McMahill Provides Details of Investigation into the UNLV Shooting

On December 6, 2023, at approximately 11:45 a.m., LVMPD Dispatch received a report of a shooting occurring on the UNLV campus located in the 4500 block of South Maryland Parkway. UNLV and LVMPD officers immediately responded. Officers arrived and were able to identify the gunfire coming from Beam Hall and immediately made entry.

Near the main entrance of the building, UNLV officers encountered the suspect, later identified as 67-year-old Anthony James Polito, exiting. Polito shot at the officers causing the UNLV officers to return fire, striking Polito multiple times. He collapsed to the ground and was taken into custody. Medical personnel responded and pronounced Polito deceased at the scene.

A systematic search was conducted of Beam Hall several other buildings for additional suspects and victims. Two victims were located on the third floor and one victim was located on the fourth floor. These three victims were pronounced deceased at the scene.

Another scene was located on the fifth floor where it is believed a fourth victim, an adult male, was shot. This victim was able to make it to the ground floor before he was transported to Sunrise Hospital and is listed in life-threatening condition.

The LVMPD Homicide Section responded and took over the investigation. Detectives learned Polito arrived at the university, exited his vehicle, put objects in his waistband, and then walked into the building. It is unknown currently the sequence of events leading up to the first call to 911 at 11:45 a.m. and Polito's encounter with officers outside the building at 11:55 a.m.

On Polito's body, detectives located a list of possible targeted individuals. However, none of the victims of the shooting were named on the list.

Polito's vehicle was located on school property equipped with a dashcam. After securing a search warrant, detectives were able to view the footage and discovered he had stopped at a Henderson post office. It was learned that Polito dropped off 22 pieces of mail to various university personnel

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across the country with no return address. The contents of the envelopes are being currently being evaluated.

A search warrant of Polito's residence was conducted. The search revealed documents similar to a last will and testament, along with several computer and hard drive components, and ammunition consistent with the cartridge casings located on scene.

This is still an ongoing investigation. The identity of the officers involved in the officer involved shooting will be provided by the UNLV Police Department within 48 hours of the initial incident.

A video of today's briefing can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/58-b8gahDys?feature=share>

Anyone with any information about this incident or anyone who was at Beam Hall on December 6th is urged to contact the LVMPD Homicide Section by phone at 702-828-3521, or by email at homicide@lvmpd.com. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

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