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Robbery/Homicide Bureau
828-3521

On December 8, 2008, Homicide Detectives were investigating the murder of Jahri Cheatham, an 18 year old Las Vegas resident whose remains were found in the desert along Interstate I-15 in California in October of this year. Cheatham had been shot to death. Detectives went to a trailer home located in a trailer park at 6223 East Sahara at approximately 11:00 a.m. to serve a search warrant at the residence in furtherance of this investigation. Detectives announced their presence and knocked on the door. No one answered. Due to the nature of the investigation and the possibility that the person inside this residence may be armed, LVMPD SWAT Officers were called in to assist in the service of this search warrant.

SWAT Officers and Negotiators attempted to contact the occupants of this trailer home without response. After a short time, a woman exited this residence and told officers that her husband was alone inside, had a pistol and told her he would not come out. Officers continued to attempt to contact the occupant without response. Officers were outside and later heard a single gunshot from inside the residence. Officers later entered the residence and discovered a male deceased inside a bathroom with an apparently self inflicted gunshot wound to his head. A pistol was found beside him. Emergency medical personnel examined this man and found no signs of life. Officers did not discharge their firearms during this incident, nor were they inside when the gunshot was heard.

The Clark County Coroner's Office has identified this man to have been George Calzada, 23 years of age, and have notified his next of kin. The Clark County Coroner's Office will complete their investigation and determine Mr. Calzada's cause and manner of death at a later date. Please contact the Coroner's Office for further information.

Anyone with information about the murder of Jahri Cheatham or the incident occurring on December 8, 2008, at 6223 East Sahara is urged to contact either the Homicide Section at (702) 828-3521 or Crime Stoppers at (702) 385-5555.