

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

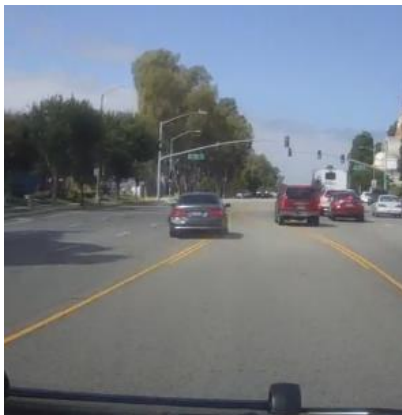
Police Department
September 28th, 2021

LAS VEGAS HOMICIDE SUSPECT APPREHENDED

On September 11th, 2021, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) received a 911 call from a citizen who discovered a deceased woman while they were hiking in the desert area. LVMPD Homicide Detectives began working the investigation, and were able to identify a suspect and suspect vehicle. They placed a Want in the system for the suspect vehicle.

On September 18th, 2021 at about 1100 hours, a Patrol officer with our department made an attempt to stop a vehicle for a minor vehicle code violation. This vehicle turned out to be the wanted homicide vehicle from Las Vegas. The suspect vehicle did not stop and a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle crashed during the pursuit in the area of Emerald Street and Anza Avenue. The suspect then fled and officers chased on foot. As officers were setting up a containment of the area, they located the suspect in an apartment complex – courtyard area near the traffic collision. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. Our Detectives Division is working with LVMPD on this case. During the subsequent investigation, LVMPD Detectives discovered the suspect killed the victim in order to steal her vehicle so he could drive back to Southern California.

This case is an excellent reminder of the inherent dangers police officers face when enforcing vehicle code violations and how routine traffic enforcement can lead to the arrest of violent criminals.



This investigation is being conducted under the command of the Torrance Police Department Special Operations Bureau, and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.



Sergeant Mark Ponegalek
Torrance Police Department Public Information Officer
(310) 618-5688
MPonegalek@TorranceCa.gov