

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARREST REPORT

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City

County

Adult

Juvenile

Sector/Beat

EVENT# 1875200		ARRESTEE'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) KIRKLIN, CALVIN LEE			S.S.#
ARRESTEE'S ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) MEADOW GROVE COURT LVN 89120					
CHARGES: MURDER WITH DEADLY WEAPON / DISCHARGING FIREARM FROM A VEHICLE DISCHARGING FIREARM INTO AN OCCUPIED VEHICLE / CHILD ENDANGERMENT					
OCURRED:	DATE 03/28/2008	DAY OF WEEK FRIDAY	TIME 2020	LOCATION OF ARREST (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) PECOS ROAD AND TROPICANA AVENUE	
RACE	SEX	D.O.B.	HT	WT	HAIR
					EYES
					PLACE OF BIRTH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST

On Friday, March 28, 2008, at approximately 2020 hours, the LVMPD Communications center received a 9-1-1 call from [REDACTED] (15), requesting help as his mother, Blanca Gonzalez (39) had been shot at the intersection of Charleston Boulevard and Nellis Boulevard. Responding units found a white Suzuki Grand Vitara in the middle of the intersection resting against a gray Dodge pickup truck. Gonzalez was behind the wheel of the Suzuki, unconscious, and bleeding from a gunshot wound on the left side of her head. Gonzalez was transported to University Medical Center (UMC) for treatment, ultimately being pronounced brain dead on March 29th at 1803 hours. An autopsy on Gonzalez's body was performed on March 30th by Doctor A. Olson of the Clark County Medical Examiner's Office, who determined Gonzalez's death to be caused by a gunshot wound to the head and the manner to be Homicide.

Violent Crimes Unit detectives initiated an investigation and pursuant to interviews with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (11), both passengers in the Suzuki at the time of the incident, learned the following: The Suzuki was stopped for the red light on north bound Nellis Boulevard at Charleston Boulevard, waiting to turn left onto Charleston Boulevard. While stationary, they heard a "boom," and Gonzalez began slumping towards Christian, seated in the front passenger seat, who cradled her. Christian then heard a woman's voice, that sounded like it originated from the vehicle stopped on the driver's side, say, "You shot her! Run! Go! Go!", whereupon Christian saw his hands were bloody. The Suzuki accelerated into the intersection, ultimately striking a pickup truck turning onto east bound Charleston Boulevard. Christian turned back to where they had been stopped and saw a vehicle he described as an older, light brown Chevrolet, occupied by three subjects, and bearing Nevada license plates he believed began with 764, 767, or 769. (Note: In the original 9-1-1 call, Christian gave the beginning numbers of he described as 796.) The vehicle made a U-turn and went south bound on Nellis Boulevard.

Detectives interviewed Ceaser Bryant who said he was crossing from the southwest corner to the southeast corner of Charleston Boulevard and Nellis Boulevard, and due to traffic, was stopped on the center median. While standing there, he heard what he believed to be a gun shot. Bryant noted the vehicle in front of him was a mid 90's Buick Regal, gold, with several subjects in it, and the passenger in the right rear passenger seat appeared to be putting a handgun under his shirt. Next to it was a white vehicle. When the light changed, the Regal made a quick U-turn onto south bound Nellis Boulevard, and the white vehicle went straight. When Bryant realized the driver of the white Suzuki had been shot, Bryant contacted and gave his statement to detectives.

ARRESTING OFFICER(S)	PP#	APPROVED BY	CONNECTING RPTS. (Type or Event Number)
Det. L. Hanna	2430	M/1988T	
Det. R. Rogers	2858		

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Detectives later contacted and interviewed Genia Carrillo, who said at approximately 2030 hours on Friday, March 28th, she was riding north bound on Nellis Boulevard with some girl friends. As they drove between Sahara Avenue and Charleston Boulevard, she noticed an older Buick with several occupants driving north bound near them, as a subject in the back seat was waving at them. Carrillo also noticed the white Suzuki traveling north bound as well. All three cars were stopped by the light at Charleston Boulevard, and while waiting at the light Carrillo heard a "pop." She ultimately realized the occupants of the Buick, which she described as having a large dent in the right rear passenger door, apparently shot into the Suzuki, did a U-turn, and drove south bound Nellis Boulevard.

The suspect vehicle description provided by the witnesses was given to the media and to patrol units. On Monday, March 31st, a citizen called the LVMPD to advise of a vehicle matching the description parked in the 5000 block of Meadow Grove Court and provided a license plate of 726VBX. Officers responding to the call saw a gold, 1995 Buick Regal, bearing Nevada license 726VBX, driving out of the area. The officers initiated a traffic stop on Pecos Road south of Tropicana Avenue. Officers explained to the driver (who identified himself as Calvin Kirkin) they stopped him because his vehicle matched the description of a vehicle involved in a shooting at Nellis Boulevard and Charleston Boulevard. Kirkin said, "Yeah, they shot my window out." The officers immediately detained Kirkin, and requested Homicide detectives respond.

Detectives, along with a Crime Scene Analyst, responded to Pecos Road and Tropicana Avenue. Detectives learned with Kirkin in the vehicle was Britni Clipper, the registered owner of the vehicle, Clipper's and Kirkin's year-old-son, and Kirkin's toddler brother. The vehicle was towed to the LVMPD Criminalistics garage, pending a search warrant for processing, and Kirkin and Clipper were transported to the LVMPD ISD building for further investigation.

Detectives L. Hanna and R. Rogers conducted a recorded interview with Kirkin and, subsequent to Detective Hanna reading Kirkin his Constitutional rights per the Miranda decision from LMVPD 98, learned the following: Kirkin initially claimed he was shot at the evening of March 28th while in the area of Charleston Boulevard and Nellis Boulevard. Kirkin ultimately admitted he was heavily intoxicated, driving around with Clipper, their year-old-child, and two of his friends. While stopped at the intersection of Charleston Boulevard and Nellis Boulevard, Kirkin was handling a gun which accidentally discharged, narrowly missing Clipper, breaking out the front passenger door window of the vehicle, and apparently striking Gonzalez.

Based on the above, a telephonic search warrant, approved by Judge M. Saragosa, was obtained for the search of Kirkin's residence at [REDACTED] Meadow Grove Court. After a lengthy, continuing investigation, Kirkin ultimately directed detectives to the firearm, which he had concealed behind a shed in his rear yard. The weapon, a .380 caliber semi-automatic, was recovered as evidence.

Detectives also interviewed Clipper, Jabriel Fernandez and Rafael Creamer, also passengers in the vehicle, all of whom concurred Kirkin had fired the weapon that ultimately caused Gonzalez's death. Fernandez further explained that Kirkin held the gun in his right hand, fully extending his arm, as if aiming the pistol at Gonzalez's vehicle.

Based on the above investigation, Kirkin was placed under arrest on the charges listed above and booked into the Clark County Detention Center.