

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARREST REPORT

☐ City☒ County☒ Adult☐ Juvenile

Sector/Beat

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ID/EVENT# 837180	ARRESTEE'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) DARLING, CALVIN		S.S.# [REDACTED]	
ARRESTEE'S ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) [REDACTED] LAS VEGAS, NEVADA [REDACTED]				
CHARGES: DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ALCOHOL WITH DEATH, NRS 484.379-5 FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, NRS 484.323				
OCCURRED:	DATE 05/07/09	DAY OF WEEK THURSDAY	TIME 0150 HRS	LOCATION OF ARREST (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) UMC TRAUMA LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
RACE W	SEX M	D.O.B. [REDACTED]	HT 5'10"	WT 220
			HAIR BRN	EYES BLU
PLACE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]				

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST

OFFICER INVOLVED:

Officer S. Lethbridge, P#3964

DETAILS:

That on May 7, 2009, Officer J. Cranford, working as marked traffic unit T167 for LVMPD heard some emergency radio traffic coming from Enterprise Area Command reference an LVMPD officer who was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident. Officer Cranford immediately responded to the scene which was located at Flamingo and Ravenwood. The first time of the call was 0049 hours and Traffic Officer Cranford arrived on the scene at 0108 hours. Upon his arrival, he observed numerous fire, police, and medical personnel on scene working to help the injured parties. He observed that there were two vehicles involved in the accident, one being a black-and-white police vehicle, the other being a red Chevrolet Silverado pickup. Both vehicles had come to rest in the desert area, just to the southeast of Flamingo and Ravenwood. The red Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck had Nevada personalized plates [REDACTED] and Officer Cranford observed that fire and medical personnel were actively attempting to cut open the roof to the patrol car to free the trapped driver who was still inside.

Cranford was then directed by another officer to an AMR ambulance where the driver of the Chevrolet Silverado was being treated for his injuries. He identified the driver at the scene as Calvin Edward Darling via a Nevada driver's license. After a few moments at the scene, the ambulance with the driver of the Chevrolet Silverado then left the scene en route to University Medical Center Trauma. Officer Cranford followed directly behind the ambulance all the way to the hospital, and once at the hospital, Officer Cranford spoke with Calvin Darling and asked him what had happened. Calvin stated that he had been driving his Chevrolet Silverado westbound on Flamingo and had attempted to turn south onto Ravenwood. Calvin Darling then stated that he observed the police vehicle coming eastbound on Flamingo, but did not realize that there was not enough time for him to turn

ARRESTING OFFICER(S)	P#	APPROVED BY	CONNECTING RPTS. (Type or Event Number)
S. LETHBRIDGE	3964	B. Schmidt # 4813 @ 11:07 Hrs.	090507-0149

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in front of the patrol vehicle. When he attempted to make his turn, the patrol car then impacted the right side, causing major damage to both vehicles.

While Officer Cranford was speaking with Mr. Darling at the hospital, he observed that Mr. Darling's eyes were bloodshot and could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from him. Officer Cranford asked Darling where he had been coming from and Darling stated that he was coming from the Stage Door Bar, which was near Bally's Casino. He stated that he had gotten off work at 11 p.m. from the Bellagio and that he had stopped by the bar for a beer after work and was heading home. Darling stated that he had drank three or four beers at the bar. Cranford was able to conduct one field sobriety test on Mr. Darling, which the HGN test. The results of this test showed that Mr. Darling was under the influence of alcohol, and while Officer Cranford was speaking with Mr. Darling, he was laying on a hospital bed.

Medical personnel then brought in LVMPD officer, who was the driver of the other vehicle in the accident. After several minutes of trying to resuscitate him, this officer was pronounced dead at the hospital due to the injuries sustained from the accident.

Due to the fact that Officer Cranford now had probable cause to believe that Mr. Darling had been driving while under the influence of alcohol, causing death to another individual, Officer Cranford then read him Nevada implied consent and requested that hospital staff conduct two blood draws on him. These blood draws were done at 0153 hours and 0253 hours respectively. Mr. Darling was then placed under arrest for DUI death.

Due to the serious nature of the accident, LVMPD's Fatal Team was contacted and Detectives Lethbridge, Redfaim, Officer R. Tusko, and Sergeant Oscar Chavez responded to the scene. Myself, Detective Lethbridge, responded directly to UMC Trauma while the other Fatal Detectives and the Sergeant responded to this accident scene. Detective Redfaim then contacted myself, Detective Lethbridge, from the scene and informed me of the details of the accident.

According to Detective Redfaim, the evidence at the scene showed that the patrol car had been traveling eastbound on Flamingo at Ravenwood when the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck had turned left in front of it from westbound Flamingo to southbound Ravenwood. It was also determined that there was another officer traveling in another marked patrol vehicle directly behind the victim's patrol vehicle. Both of these patrol vehicles were heading eastbound on Flamingo with lights and siren activated and they were both en route to an emergency call when the accident occurred. Mr. Darling was then booked in absentia to the Clark County Detention Center for the DUI death and the fail to yield right-of-way to emergency vehicle.

SL/vrb (Records)

Job #126990

Date & Time Dictated: 05/07/09 0600 hours

Date & Time Transcribed: 05/07/09 0757 hours