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DA Releases Review of Sanchez-Escoto Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) Trooper involved in the September 2012 death of Alejandro Sanchez-Escoto acted reasonably and lawfully.

"Mr. Sanchez-Escoto was running from NHP Trooper Nicholas Montgomery. He ignored several commands from Trooper Montgomery to stop, and in an attempt to flee, Mr. Sanchez-Escoto chose to jump a barrier along the 215 beltway at Decatur. He fell more than 26 feet onto southbound travel lanes of Decatur Blvd.", District Attorney Steve Wolfson said. "The autopsy report indicated there was methamphetamine in Mr. Sanchez-Escoto's system. This is a tragic incident that resulted in his death".

According to the review released today, NHP dispatch received several calls reporting a Hispanic male acting erratically and walking in the southbound travel lanes of the 215 Beltway. Trooper Nicholas Montgomery was dispatched to the scene. When he arrived in the area, he saw a man, later identified as Sanchez-Escoto, jump a short jersey wall and run eastbound through a construction area. Trooper Montgomery ran after him and gave several commands for him to stop, but he did not comply. The trooper fired his Taser, but it did not make contact and the man continued to run. The foot pursuit continued and Sanchez-Escoto jumped over a second jersey wall and fell to his death. There is no evidence to suggest that there was any physical contact between Sanchez-Escoto and Trooper Montgomery.

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted on November 7.

The determination that the NHP Trooper acted lawfully in this situation is based upon the evidence available at this time. The case could be reexamined if new information comes to light.

The full review is available on the District Attorney's [Web page](#).

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