

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
October 25, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the settlement payment of \$525,000.00 to Jason Funke.

**PETITIONER**

Joseph Lombardo, Sheriff

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Self Insurance Trust Fund.

**DISCUSSION**

This is a settlement of a civil rights lawsuit arising from the non-fatal shooting of Jason Funke occurring on August 5, 2017, at the Life Springs Christian Church. A church leader reported that a naked man was sitting in front of the church, which is also a school, with a gun. After officers arrived, Funke stood up and picked up the gun and walked to the front of the church. He was instructed to drop the gun, which he originally complied with. When he was told to lie on the ground with his hands on his head, Funke decided to go back to his gun. At that time Officer Mark Hatten fired a shot at Funke, which struck him on his upper left shoulder.

This settlement is a compromise of a disputed claim.

This proposed settlement is in the total amount of \$525,000.00. Approval of this payment is recommended, bringing this lawsuit to full and final closure.

Respectfully submitted,



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