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Deceased Male Found in Flood Drainage

***** Update *** Suspect Arrested *** Update *****

See Below

On January 1, 2018 at approximately 8:38 a.m. LVMPD Patrol officers were dispatched to a drainage tunnel located West of Lake Mead Boulevard and Tenaya Way to investigate a deceased man found in a tunnel. When officers arrived they located a decomposed body under a blanket at an encampment. During the initial investigation nothing appeared to be suspicious.

On January 2, 2018, LVMPD Homicide Section received information from the Clark County Coroner's Office that victim had several broken bones, a head injury, and internal bleeding. Based on the injuries noted at the autopsy it was determined the victim died from the injuries.

***** Update *** Suspect Arrested *** Update *****

During the course of this investigation, detectives identified 23-year-old Damon Echols as the suspect in this incident. On March 9, 2018 Echols was taken into custody by the Criminal Apprehension Team and transported to the Clark County Detention Center where he faces one count of open murder.

A booking photo of Damon Echols accompanies this updated release.

The Criminal Apprehension Team (CAT) is a Federal Bureau of Investigation led, multi-jurisdictional task force staffed in the LVMPD's Major Violators Bureau. It is comprised of FBI, LVMPD, Henderson and North Las Vegas Police Departments.

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Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact the LVMPD Homicide Section by phone at 702-828-3521, or by email at homicide@lvmpd.com. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, or on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com. Tips leading directly to an arrest or indictment processed through Crime Stoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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