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**SAFE NEST AND LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST
AREA COMMAND BAND TOGETHER TO REDUCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

*New program to reduce amount of domestic violence in Las Vegas announced at press
conference Monday, Nov. 13*

WHAT:

Safe Nest and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's North West Area Command (NWAC) will announce a new partnership and band together for a new pilot program developed as an effort to reduce domestic violence-related abuse and homicides within Las Vegas. Starting in the month of December, officers of the NWAC will have the ability to request Safe Nest Advocates to respond to the scene of domestic violence once the scene is rendered safe. The Safe Nest Advocates will arrive on scene to counsel and educate victims on the free resources available to them including the utilization of the Emergency Protective Orders. Most importantly, Advocates will work to develop a customized Safety Plan with the victim in an effort empower and plan a response or escape to escalating violence within the household.

WHO:

Liz Ortenburger, CEO, Safe Nest

Lt. Timothy Hatchett, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Northwest Area Command

Anyone else??

WHEN:

Monday, Nov. 13

11:15 a.m. – Media arrival

11 a.m. – Announcement

WHERE:

Safe Nest

3900 Meadows Lane

Las Vegas, NV 89107

MEDIA:

Interested media members are invited to cover the press conference. **Inquiries can be directed to Michelle Wilmoth at PR Plus at michelle@prpluslv.com or (702) 561-3872.** Interviews with spokespeople and participants are available.

ABOUT SAFE NEST

A problem that impacts the safety and well-being of individuals, families and communities throughout Southern Nevada, domestic violence can take on multiple forms including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, financial control and social isolation. It affects all communities, regardless of socioeconomic status, race or religion. Safe Nest serves battered women (or men), children or teens affected by family violence, adolescents in violent dating relationships, offending partners, family members or significant others impacted by the violence, at-risk individuals, and the community at large by offering a variety of programming and services including counseling, crisis intervention, individual and group therapy, residential services, protection order assistance and employment/life-skill classes. Safe Nest aims to put a stop to all immediate abuse and break the cycle of abuse for generations to come.

Established in 1977, Safe Nest is Nevada's largest and most comprehensive non-profit agency devoted solely to domestic violence issues. Serving approximately 43,000 people annually, Safe Nest's programs include a 24-hour confidential shelter, a 24-hour hotline and protection order services, counseling, advocacy, court assistance, and prevention education. For more information, please call 702-821-2731 or visit www.safenest.org.

ABOUT LVMPD NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND

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