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2 killed in murder-suicide at Las Vegas hotel-casino

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USPA News - A woman was killed late Friday when her ex-boyfriend opened fire in the lobby of a hotel and casino on the famous Las Vegas Strip, sending scores of people fleeing, police said on Saturday. The gunman then turned the gun on himself and was found dead at the scene.

The incident happened just before 8:30 p.m. local time on Friday when an unidentified man opened fire at the concierge desk on the first floor near the entrance of the Excalibur Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, which is known as the Entertainment Capital of the World and offers huge hotel complexes which line the world famous Las Vegas Strip. Witnesses reported hearing at least five gunshots which sent terrified patrons fleeing for safety, just hours after a 20-year-old man opened fire at an elementary school in western Connecticut, killing 20 children and six adults in the second-deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. The gunman, who also killed his mother before the school shooting, then took his own life. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department said a woman, identified as 30-year-old Jessica Kenney, was seriously injured in Friday`s shooting and was later pronounced dead at University Medical Center. The suspected gunman, whose name was not immediately known but is believed to have been the woman`s ex-boyfriend, was found dead at the scene. Travel company VEGAS.com said Kenney was one of their employees who worked as a vendor at Excalibur`s concierge desk. "We were saddened to learn that a member of the VEGAS.com family was the victim of [Friday`s] tragic and senseless killing at the Excalibur Hotel & Casino Las Vegas," said VEGAS.com Chief Operating Officer Bryan Allison. "Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends."

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