

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2023-2008 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Terminal Road By Dayton Airport, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Autopsy Review

Involves: Rodney D. Helman (S), Elaine M. Helman (S)

Date of Activity: 08/03/2023

Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

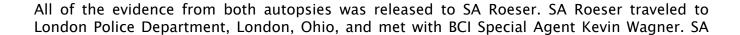
On August 2, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which occurred on the morning of August 2, 2023. The incident between law enforcement and the involved subjects, Rodney and Elaine Helman, started in Madison County, Ohio. It ended on Airport Access Road in Montgomery County, Ohio.

The Helmans kidnapped a semi-truck driver named at a truck stop in London, Ohio. After the Helmans entered the semi-cab, was shot in the hand by the Helmans. A chase ensued through several counties west of London, Ohio, when the truck became disabled near the Dayton Airport. After hours of negotiations, OSP's Special Response Team (SRT) breached the semi's cab when Rodney Helman brandished and discharged a firearm at the SRT team. The SRT team returned gunfire, striking both Helmans. The Helmans were transported to Miami Valley Hospital but succumbed to their injuries.

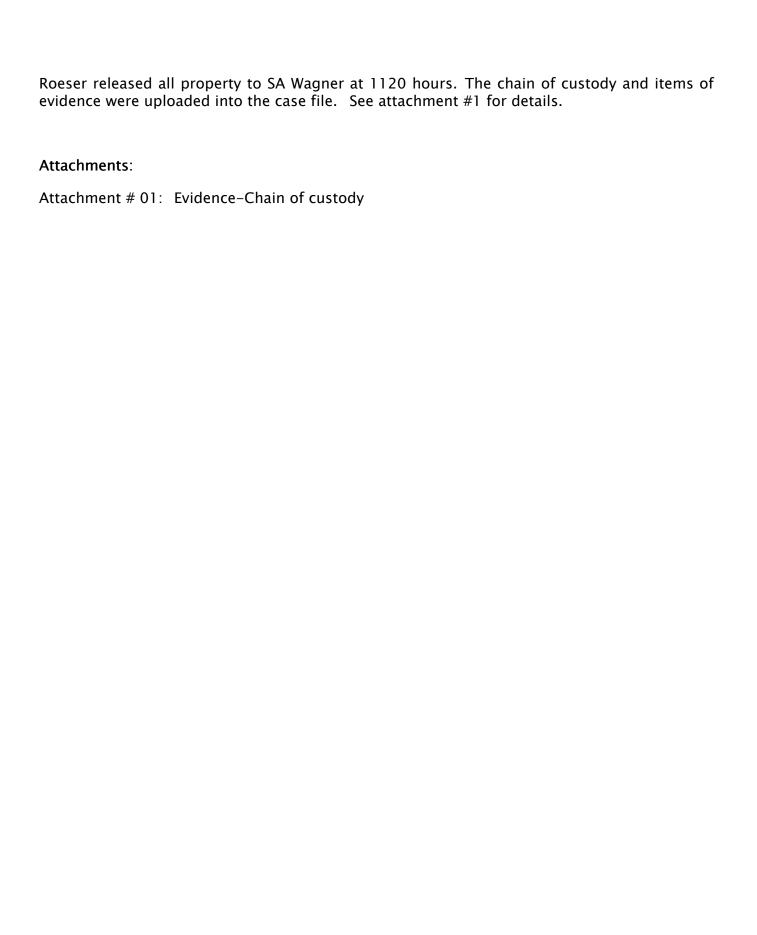
On August 3, 2023, Special Agents Perry Roeser and Richard Ward attended the autopsies of the Helmans at the Montgomery County Coroner's Office in Dayton, Ohio. OSP Trooper Michael Shuler was also in attendance for the scheduled procedure.

Dr. Lee Lehman,	M.D.,	Chief	Deputy	Coroner,	started	the	autopsy	on	Rodney	Helman	at
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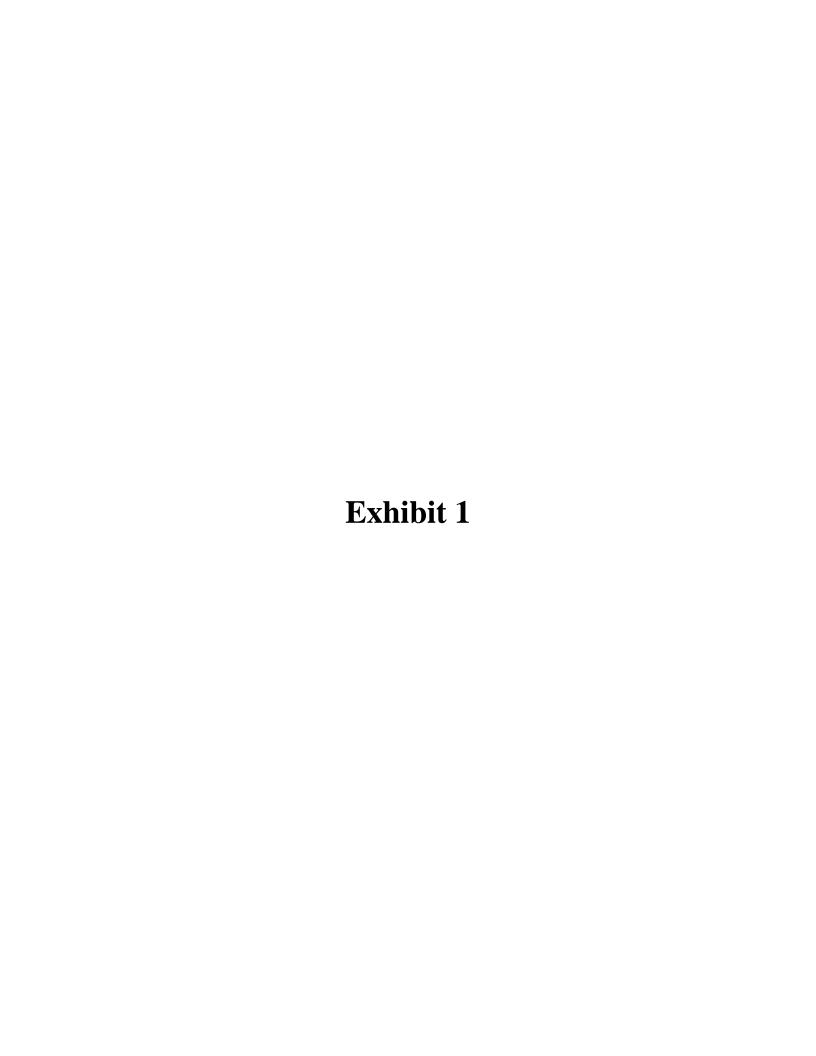
Dr. Lehman began Elaine Helman's autopsy immediately after Rodney's examination.



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