



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



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Officer Involved Shooting - Terminal Road by Dayton Airport, OH

Investigative Activity: Vehicle and Autopsy Evidence Processing  
 Activity Date: August 3, 2023  
 Activity Location: London Police Department located at 10 East First Street, London, Ohio 43140  
 Authoring Agent: Special Agent Kevin Wagner #80

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Special Agent (SA) Kevin Wagner with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) assisted the London Police Department (LPD) with the processing of a vehicle regarding Rodney and Elaine Helman. The LPD had performed a traffic stop of a vehicle occupied by Rodney and Elaine in the early morning of August 2<sup>nd</sup> (previous day) due to not having taillights. Rodney and Elaine fled from LPD in a Dodge Minivan (VIN 2D4GP44LX5R166127) prior to procuring a semi-truck with the owner still inside. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was able to bring the semi-truck and confrontation to an end after Rodney and Elaine had reportedly pointed and fired a handgun at them. Both Rodney and Elaine were struck by trooper gunfire, and pronounced deceased at Miami Valley Hospital.

SA Wagner arrived to LPD at 0900 hours. A search warrant for the Dodge minivan had been obtained by LPD Detective Perkins. The van was documented as it was upon arrival with photography. The following items of evidentiary value were located in the minivan:

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1	Three 9mm cartridges located in various locations inside the van
3	Eight 9mm FC cartridges with a SCCY magazine, and additional empty Glock magazine in black backpack

SA Wagner obtained a 9mm FC cartridge (item 2) from Detective Perkins who stated that it was recovered from the truck stop where LPD had pursued Rodney and Elaine.

SA Roeser met with SA Wagner at the LPD and turned over evidence from Rodney and Elaine's autopsies. SA Wagner collected fingerprints, swabs, hair samples and fingernail scrapings from Elaine (item 4), and the same items with the addition of underwear from Rodney Helman (item 5). There were no additional items of evidentiary value. SA Wagner cleared the scene at 1500 hours.

AN LPD cruiser had been damaged as Rodney and Elaine fled. That cruiser was documented with photography at the LPD.

SA Wagner secured items 1-5 in the BCI temporary evidence locker to be submitted into the major crimes evidence vault at 1545 hours.

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