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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – Terminal Road By Dayton
Airport, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Rodney D. Helman (S), Elaine M. Helman (S)
Date of Activity: 08/02/2023
Activity Location: – Terminal Road by Dayton Airport, OH
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Narrative:

On Wednesday August 2, 2023 at approximately 0800 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent Richard Ward responded along with other BCI agents to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident, which involved the Ohio State Highway Patrol and their interaction with Rodney and Elaine Helman. The incident occurred on the Dayton International Airport access road (Terminal Road) in Montgomery County between I-75 and US 40.

Once on scene shortly after 0800 hours, Agent Ward observed a semi-tractor truck stationary on the roadway facing northeast. The trailer portion, typically associated with these trucks, was not attached nor present. Observed near the passenger door strew throughout the area was suspected blood and life saving medical debris. Ballistic events were observed on various parts of the truck along with numerous 9mm casings near the passenger (east) side. Observed near the driver's door (west) area were numerous .223 casings. The scene was documented, photographed and evidence collected by BCI Crime Scene Special Agent Kevin Wagner. BCI Agents Lauren Frazier and Doug Eveslage met with the semi driver, Peter Derosia at Miami Valley Hospital for the purpose of an interview.

Agent Ward was briefed by Ohio State Highway Patrol Major Nakia Hendricks related to the events that led to the critical incident. According to Hendricks, In the early morning hours on this date, London Police (Madison County) stopped Rodney and Elaine Helman for various traffic violations. During the stop, the Helman's fled from the London officer eventually travelled to the Travel America on State Route 42. Both Elaine and Rodney exited the Caravan and and highjacked a semi truck parked in the lot occupied the the truck driver. After a lengthy pursuit by several agencies, the truck came to a stop its current location. During the prolonged standoff and negotiations with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Special Response Team (SRT), a breach was attempted on the semi truck. During the breach, Rodney Helman shot at troopers. As a result, both Rodney and Elaine Helman were shot by SRT members and subsequently transported to Miami Valley hospital with life threatening injuries. The semi-truck driver and

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occupant [REDACTED] was also treated at Miami Valley Hospital for non life threatening injuries.

Agent Ward gathered additional information while at the scene; which included, but not limited to the following: Nearly the entire pursuit was captured by the OSHP aviation unit and various cruiser cameras. Three SRT member had discharged their issued service weapons and were currently not on scene. At least two police vehicles were struck damaged by the semi truck reportedly operated at the time by Rodney Helman. Rodney and Elaine Helman had provided false verbal identification to the London officer and were wanted on felony warrants. During the brief foot pursuit, Rodney Helman had pointed a handgun at the pursuing London officer.

Both Rodney and Elaine had succumbed to their injuries at Miami Valley Hospital. The semi-truck driver, [REDACTED] had sustained a gunshot to the right hand inflicted by Rodney Helman once the two entered his truck in the Travel America parking lot.