



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: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Rodney D. Helman (S), [REDACTED] (V), Elaine M. Helman (S)
Date of Activity: 08/02/2023
Activity Location: Miami Valley Hospital – 1 Wyoming Way, Dayton, OH 45402,
Montgomery County
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On Wednesday, 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) that occurred on August 2, 2023, between OSP Troopers and two subjects, Rodney Helman and Elaine Helman.

The Helmans kidnapped a semi-truck driver, [REDACTED] where Rodney shot [REDACTED] in the hand, and stole his semi cab. A pursuit ensued and the semi eventually became disabled. After a standoff, OSP Troopers attempted to breach the semi, when Rodney fired shots at officers, and Troopers returned fire, striking Rodney and Elaine.

On August 2, 2023, Special Agents Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Douglas Eveslage (SA Eveslage) responded to the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, where Rodney Helman, Elaine Helman, and [REDACTED] were all transported for medical assistance around approximately 0830 hours.

SA Frazier met with Trooper Kyle Pohlbel and Trooper Investigator Russ Davis at Room 25 in the Emergency Room (ER). The victim, [REDACTED] was located in this room, receiving treatment for a gunshot wound to his right hand, index finger. SA Frazier made contact with [REDACTED] at this time and he was interviewed shortly after (see additional report).

While on scene, SA Frazier learned that Elaine Helman was pronounced deceased shortly after she had arrived at the hospital. SA Frazier was advised that Rodney Helman was in Room 4512 in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (ICU). At approximately 1044 hours, Rodney "coded" and was also pronounced deceased. Rodney and Elaine were both transported directly to the hospital morgue where Montgomery County Coroner Investigators took custody of their bodies.

Special Agent Aja Chung with the BCI Crime Scene Unit responded and took photographs

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of Rodney Helman, Elaine Helman, and [REDACTED] SA Jung also collected the personal effects/clothing belonging to Elaine Helman.

On August 3, 2023, SA Frazier received a report from Detective Doug Baker with Miami Valley Hospital Public Safety reference clothing evidence belonging to Rodney, that was collected by Miami Valley Hospital Public Safety Sgt. Kaitlin Rager (see attachment #01). Special Agent Rick Ward advised that he would respond to collect this evidence.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 08-02-23 MVH ETC GSW Evidence Collection Report

Exhibit 1

Incident File Full Report

Incident File #IN20230001877

Date/Time Occurred: 8/ 2/2023 8:23:38 AM
Day of Week Occurred: Wednesday
Date/Time Created: 8/ 2/2023 9:30:16 AM
Date/Time Closed: 8/ 3/2023 7:00:07 AM
Closed By: dhbaker

Record Creation Details

Department: Public Safety
Owner: krrager
Operator ID: krrager
Operator Name:
Personnel ID:
Card Number:
Job Position:
Secondary Operator:

Location of Incident:

Property: Miami Valley Hospital
Location: ETC
Sublocation: Medic Ramp

Details of Incident:

Daily Log #: DL20230062622
Type: Information Report
Specific: Evidence
Incident Status: Closed
Closing Remarks: This report is for information only and is on file for the investigating agency.
Synopsis: GSW ETC 1 - Sigmatwohundredandthirtyseven, Sigma Hellman, Rodney
Checklist:
Narrative:

| Created On | Created By | Modified On | Modified By |
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| 8/ 2/2023 9:30:17 A | krrager | 8/ 2/2023 4:41:13 P | jklavigne |

On August 2,2023 at approximately 0823 hours Dispatch advised to all units that there were two incoming Gun Shot Wound (GSW) victims that would be arriving shortly at Miami Valley Hospital 1 Wyoming St., Dayton, Ohio.

I responded to Emergency Trauma Rooms (ETC) Rooms 1 and 2. I observed both patients arriving, later identified as Elaine and Rodney Hellman, go into their Trauma Rooms. Elaine was placed into ETC 2 while Rodney was placed into ETC 1. Medical staff was in both rooms assisting with the gun shot wounds and attending to the patients. Elaine was placed into more serous condition and immediately went to Surgery, where I was unable to collect any evidence at this time and all evidence remained with Elaine and medical staff. Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Pohlalabel followed Elaine and staff to surgery. Trooper Weeks remained with Rodney

Rodney was taken to MRI. Patient Care Technician (PCT) Misty Mcann began to collect Rodney's evidence from ETC 1 at 0910 hours. PCT Mcann was being observed by our agency while appropriately collecting and placing the evidence into bags. Once Mcann had collected all evidence, I took possession of the bags and completed a

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