

SEDAN HOLLOWES POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRIMARY INCIDENT REPORT

CASE NUMBER	SH-06-1187
DATE	APRIL 23, 2006
REPORTING OFFICER	LT. R. HARLOW
SHERIFF	DALE WHITMAN
LOCATION	SEDAN HOLLOWES NATURE TRAIL / WOODED AREA B
INCIDENT TYPE	MULTIPLE HOMICIDE / MISSING PERSONS
STATUS	ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

INITIAL RESPONSE

At approximately 01:41 hours on April 23, 2006, Sedan Hollowes Dispatch received a 911 call from an unidentified distressed female later confirmed to be one of the surviving victims. The caller reported that members of her group had been attacked within the wooded trail system adjacent to Sedan Hollowes Nature Trail.

Responding officers Deputy Alan Briggs and Officer Paul Rusk entered the wooded area after locating abandoned vehicles and visible blood evidence near the primary trail entrance. Both officers subsequently ceased radio communication during active response efforts.

OFFICER FATALITIES

Search teams later located Officer Paul Rusk and Deputy Alan Briggs deceased within the wooded area east of the primary trail path. Both officers sustained extensive traumatic injuries inconsistent with normal accidental environmental causes.

Due to the condition of the scene and limited visibility conditions, body recovery operations were delayed until perimeter stabilization could be completed.

SURVIVORS

Four surviving victims were recovered from various locations throughout the wooded area and transported for emergency medical treatment.

Survivors identified as:

- Misty
- Jeff
- Tara
- Rick

All four subjects displayed varying degrees of physical injury, shock, disorientation, and conflicting recollections regarding the sequence of events.

DECEASED / MISSING

The following individuals were initially listed as missing before later confirmation of death:

- Kamie R.
- Shelia M.
- Roger K.
- Chris D.

Notifications to families were delayed pending positive identification procedures and scene processing.

SCENE OBSERVATIONS

Responding personnel documented extensive blood evidence throughout multiple sections of the wooded area, including drag patterns, disturbed soil, damaged vegetation, and signs of rapid movement between trail systems.

Several recovered items included:

- Flashlights
- Personal bags
- Footwear
- Damaged clothing
- Alcohol containers
- One damaged handheld camera

No firearm casings were recovered at the scene.

No confirmed animal tracks consistent with known regional wildlife attacks were identified during the initial processing period.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIRECTIVE

By order of Sheriff Dale Whitman, all media inquiries were restricted to prepared statements released through the Sheriff's Office.

Public wording regarding the incident was limited to:

'An isolated violent incident remains under active investigation. No immediate threat to the public has been confirmed at this time.'

Personnel were instructed not to speculate publicly regarding suspect descriptions, cause of injuries, or potential links to prior incidents.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

Several survivor statements referenced a lone unidentified male figure within the wooded area. Due to inconsistencies between accounts and the condition of the surviving witnesses, no official suspect identification was entered into the initial public release.

Additional reports, evidence intake forms, dispatch recordings, and medical examiner findings remain attached under supplemental case materials.

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Signed,

LT. R. HARLOW

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