

## **GUNSHOT WOUND “IDENTIFICATION” (COMPLETING THE INAPPROPRIATE MEDICAL RECORDS)**

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On the 11th of October 2012 in Apátfalva (Csongrád County) an Austrian citizen, who was driving home a Hummer H1 in a convoy from an off-road trip, refused to pull over for the police. A few minutes later he decided to stop for the two police motorcycle officers, who joined the police car following him. However, before the identity check ran through, he launched the car and hit the motorcycle policeman who was heading towards him on foot. The policeman fell back on his parked BMW R12 T motorbike. Although the ground clearance of the Hummer H1 was 55 cm, the policeman’s chest got compressed between the car and his motorcycle, leading to fatal injuries. A concrete drainage cover on the roadside broke the left rear hub causing the leakage of the Central Tire Inflation System. Thus the back tires deflated and the fleeing vehicle got stuck on the dragged motorcycle. The injured policeman’s partner opened fire on the car and the driver, who lunged out and was eventually caught with the help of an eye-witness. The driver suffered several gunshot wounds, partly while sitting in the car. Later he claimed that his hand was shot while he was begging for his life on his knees. On the other hand, the police officer alleged, that the accused sustained this injury when he attacked him with a knife. The deficient and partly controversial medical records hindered the determination of the shooting directions. Comparing the skin pattern surrounding the excised entrance and exit wounds with the scars and tattoos of the accused and the bullet holes in the car, we were able to give a definite expert opinion. This however confirmed the statement of the eye-witness who helped in his disarming, not the aforementioned manners of the gunshot injury to the hand.