

ODELL SHERMAN MEMORIAL DAY PRESS STATEMENT

Parents, Students, Members of the media, Ladies and Gentlemen

On May 21, 2019, Rev. Emmanuel Giddings allegedly discovered the unconscious Odell Sherman - a 21-year-old student at the Harriet Bailey United Methodist School student in an unfinished building.

Rev. Giddings took Sherman to the ELWA Hospital and registered her under an assumed name even though he previously knew, had contact with the late Odell Sherman, and had reason to know her name.

The unfinished building where the late Odell Sherman was found also belonged to Rev. Emmanuel Giddings.

In the Postmortem Examination conducted on the remains of the late Odell Sherman, Dr. Mitchell concluded in his final report that the deceased student died as the result of "Blunt Force Trauma of the Head," consequence of descent.

Since the autopsy report, the police have neglected to find the underlying reasons behind the blunt force trauma.

Many questions still surround Odell death.

How could a healthy young woman find her way after an approximately 4-minute walk to a home she had been staying and drop head on? Who was there?

What reasons did Rev. Giddings have for registering Odell under an assumed name? These and many other answers, we will never know.

Today we remember Odell, vibrant young woman whose life was snuffed without answers. But Odell is a symbol of the many young women who was allegedly murdered without accountability.

We call on the Government of Liberia to reopen investigation in this case for what it represents for justice for women in Liberia. The government of Liberia has announced the arrival of another forensic machine...yet, how many young women will get killed before we take women's lives seriously?

We demand answers from this government.

Ladies and gentlemen, parents, students, and members of the fourth estate, I thank you.