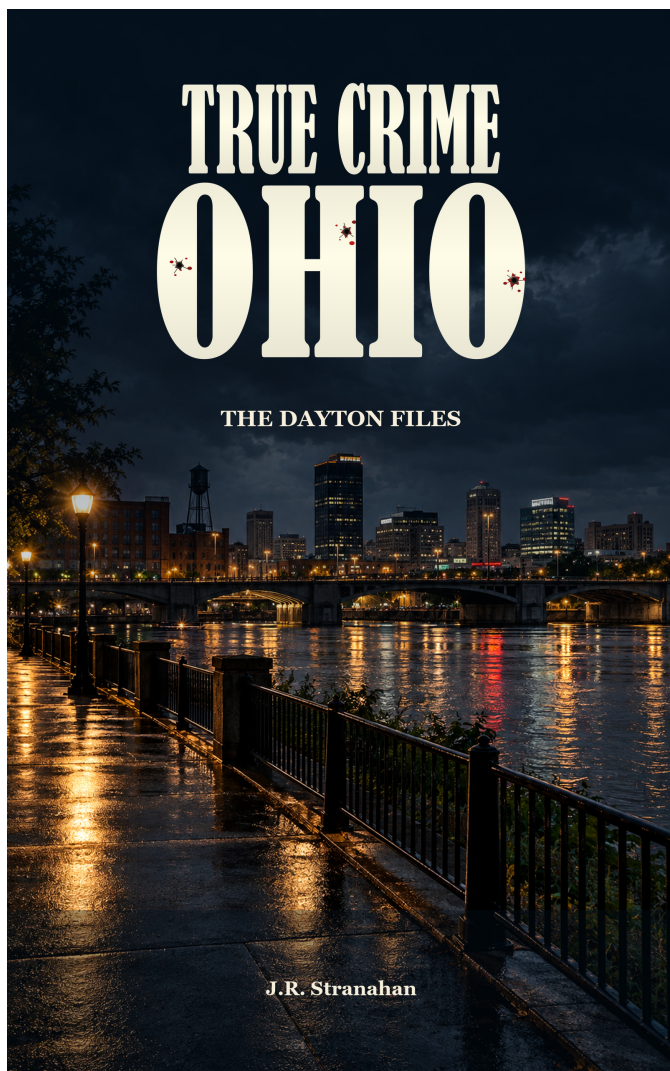


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File 1: The Oregon District Mass Shooting

Place and period: Dayton, 2019

Present legal status: Connor Betts killed nine people and wounded many others before police shot and killed him. Federal and local investigations found evidence of violent fixation, but his death prevented criminal adjudication of motive.

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The human scale

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Status at manuscript lock

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