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Resuscitation, Prolonged Cardiac Arrest, and an Automated Chest Compression Device.

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Overview: Case report to describe how the circumstances of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest can impede the performance of CPR, and how this situation can be overcome using an automated chest compression device.

Conclusion: Prolonged chest compressions may be necessary in some cardiac arrests. These cases suggest that automated chest compression devices may increase the chance of a favorable outcome in these rare situations.