



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)**

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Report Type: Initial Report: Prosecutors Report: Supplement: Re-open: Assist: Closing:

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CFS NO 1200704559	INCIDENT DATE 12/14/2012	TIME 09:41	INCIDENT DATE 12/14/2012	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER JEWISS, DANIEL E.	BADGE NO 0336	INVESTIGATING OFFICER BELL, MATTHEW S.	BADGE NO 0354
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT: INITIAL RESPONSE TO SCENE

ACTION TAKEN:

On 12/14/12, at approximately 0930 hours, I was in my assigned cruiser off duty in the Town of New Milford when I heard Troop 'A' broadcast an "active shooter" at the Sandy Hook Elementary School located at 12 Dickinson Drive, Newtown, CT. I immediately responded at a high rate of speed toward the scene with my emergency lights and siren activated. While en route to the school, I was listening to Troop 'A' broadcasts. I heard several units arriving at the scene. I heard TFC Kick #811 on the radio and I believe that he stated that there was still active shooting and that they were requesting more buses (ambulances). As I was approaching the scene, I heard SGT O'Donnell #272 over the radio requesting TFC Keane #401 to bring the bus (ambulance) directly to him. I arrived at the scene at approximately 0950 hours and parked my cruiser along the roadway leading up to the school. There were already several police and civilian vehicles parked along the roadway and I observed several citizens running toward the school. I went to my trunk, retrieved my bullet proof vest and put it on and grabbed my department AR-15 rifle. I loaded my weapon and ran toward the school.

As I approached the school, I observed TFC Keane and Det. Rachael Van Ness escorting children from the parking lot of the school toward the Sandy Hook Fire Department. I continued running toward the front of the school and met up with Msgt M. Davis. I asked him what he needed and he saw that I had a long gun and assigned me to enter the school and form a team to sweep the school. I entered the school through an emergency exit door adjacent to Room #2 and met up with SGT O'Donnell in the north wing of the school. I observed two lifeless bodies at the end of this hallway and observed several spent shell casings littered around the entire hallway. I also observed several rifle magazines in the hallway which appeared to still have ammunition in them. I observed blood drops and spatter in the hallway as well. At this point, I formed up with a team I believe consisted of Sgt Bartolotta, TFC Cournoyer and TFC Bennechi. We began clearing rooms in the north wing. Upon entering room #8 and room #10 I

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observed several lifeless children with large amounts of blood around the rooms. I observed that it appeared [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED] In room #10 I believe, I observed a white male laying on his side in a crouched position with an evident gunshot wound to his head. I observed this male to be wearing green BDU style pants, I believe a white t-shirt with a vest over it. I observed this male to be wearing yellow earplugs in his ears. I observed a pistol laying next to him as well as another pistol in a holster on the male's side. As I searched these two rooms, I observed several spent shell casings and magazines around the room. I observed that all persons in these two rooms were deceased. [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I observed some of the children still had their backpacks on at the time they were shot.

We then continued clearing rooms in the east wing of the school. We continued clearing rooms along the south corridor of the school. At this point, we encountered several other teams that were also clearing rooms. As we were in the south and west corridor, we were being told by Sgt O'Donnell of other rooms that still had teachers and children in them. I believe that he was obtaining this information from Troop A via cell phone due to the fact that portable radios were not working inside the school. I continued to assist with escorting teachers and children from the classrooms and bringing them outside where they were then escorted by other Troopers to the staging area.

After making an initial sweep through the school, we went back to the library or media center where Sgt Salmeri was posted at a locked door. The door was opened and we escorted more children and teachers out of the building. At some point I was in the west wing near the front lobby when two females were located in the cafeteria. The women were visibly distressed and quickly escorted out of the school. I was then grabbed by Sgt Cario who stated that they had survivors in Room #12. I responded with Sgt Cario to this room with TPR Katrenya, TFC Cournoyer and someone from ESU. While in room #12, we could hear people in the bathroom but the door was locked and at the time we didn't have a key. Sgt Cario was telling the people in the bathroom "its ok the good guys are here, we're the police open the door." I remember hearing a female voice from behind the door say "if you're the police you'll get the keys, until then I'm not opening the door." Someone then slid their badge under the door to identify us as the police and the female voice responded something to the effect that it didn't look real to her. Finally the keys were brought into the room and Sgt Cario unlocked the door. We had trouble opening the door at first due to the amount of children in the bathroom and the fact that the door swung inwards. We began removing children from the bathroom and realized that we needed to take them either passed the two adult bodies near the front lobby or passed rooms #10 and #8 which had several dead children and large amounts of blood. Someone grabbed an easel or something similar and placed it in front of the two bodies in the front lobby and we set two to three Troopers at each door to rooms #8 and #10 so that the

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children would not be exposed to the horror. I grabbed a little boy and girl in my arms, told them to hold on tight and close their eyes and I ran down the north hallway and brought the two children out of the school and handed them off to TPR Colburn. I returned to the north hallway and at this point, Emergency Services arrived to do their sweeps of the school and I was tasked with taking a post outside room #2 covering the north and east hallways. At some point I was relieved of my post by TFC Blumenthal and exited the school.

While outside the school in the parking lot, I was then assigned by Msgt Davis to go with a team to search a building, I believe was a glass company, down from the school due to the fact that they had pinged a cell phone and it was coming back to that location. Several people including TFC Bennechi, TFC Cournoyer, TPR Vayan and Msgt Gelven responded to the buildings. We searched the building, as well as the surrounding area with negative results. After this search was complete and the area was deemed safe, I returned to the Sandy Hook Fire Department where the Command Post was being set up. I met with Sgt Cario again who advised me that we were all to go to Troop 'A' Southbury for a debriefing.

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