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Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting Reports

The reports below document the many stages of the investigation of the December 14, 2012 shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Administratively, the investigation consists of three separate case numbers. CFS 1200704559 is the primary investigation, CFS 1200704597 is the processing of the scene at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and CFS 1200705354 is the investigation of the homicide at 36 Yogananda St. in Newtown.

As laid out in the Table of Contents, each investigation includes numerous written reports, with each case number available for separate download. Additionally, each investigation also includes various forms of multimedia including photographs, video recordings and/or audio recordings. These attachments to the reports are available for download under the case number of the investigation to which it pertains, and further divided by the document number of the corresponding report or other description.

Please note that many of the linked files are very large. These files will take a considerable amount of time to download, and may impose a heavy burden on the hosting system. We encourage you, especially with respect to the larger video files, to download and view the smaller files first to confirm your interest in obtaining the larger files.

For additional information pertaining to this report and the redactions that have been made, please reference the letter from Commissioner Bradford, as well as the Redaction Index linked at the top of the Table of Contents below.

All files are viewable using <u>Adobe Reader</u> or <u>Windows Media Plaver</u>. You may download these software packages free of charge at the links provided.

- Letter from Commissioner Bradford
- Redaction Index
- Reports
- o <u>CFS 1200704559</u> (.zip, 720 MB includes 9 Books-Total 740 pdf files)
- o CFS 1200704597 (.zip, 136 MB includes 81 pdf files)
- o <u>CFS 1200705354</u> (.zip, 141 MB includes 19 pdf files)
- Media/Attachments
 - o CFS 1200704559
 - <u>Exhibit 349</u> 911/Telephone/Radio Communications (.zip, 105 MB includes wma, .xml and pdf files)
 - 00030290 Attachments (.zip, 19.3 MB includes 3 pdf files)
 - 00152008 Newtown Public School Automated Notifications (.zlp, 654 KB includes 10 .mp3 files)
 - Mobile Video Recordings

Please Note: If you would like to download videos, right click on the link and select "Save Target As" and choose a location to save the file.

<u>00054837 Part 1</u> – 25 min (.wma, 281 MB)

- 00054837 Part 2 2 hr 9 min (.wma, 1.4 GB)
- 00055705 Part 1 1 hr 7 min (.wma, 272 MB)
- 00055705 Part 2 3 hr 22 min (.wme, 2.27 GB)
- 00056732 Part 1 1 hr 33 min (.wma, 386 MB)
- 00056732 Part 2 1 hr 38 min (.wma, 401 MB)

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- Outdoor Scene Processing Video
 - CDMCS Outdoor Scene Processing 13 min (.wma, 59 MB)
 - CDMCS School Exterior 13 min (.wma, 152 MB)
 - CDMCS Vehicle Processing 7 min (.wma, 87 MB)
 - CDMCS Vehicle Processing 2 2 min (.wma, 27 MB)
- Indoor Scene Processing Video
 - WDMCS School Interior 1 of 5 53 min (.wma, 290 MB)
 - WDMCS School Interior 2 of 5 1 hr 8 min (.wma, 256 MB)
 - WDMCS School Interior 3 of 5 57 min (.wma, 583 MB)
 - WDMCS School Interior 4 of 5 1 hr 1 min (.wma, 255 MB)
 - WDMCS School Interior 5 of 5 10 min (.wma, 119 MB)
- Photographs
 - 22 Assorted Files (.zip, 138 MB includes 22 pdf files,)
- o CFS 1200705354
 - Scene video 36 Yogananda St. 35 min (.wma, 413 MB)
 - Photographs
 - Primary Scene (.pdf, 773 MB)
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

December 27, 2013

First and foremost, my thoughts and prayers, as well as those of all members of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, continue to be with the familles of the victims, the survivors, and the entire Newtown community. On December 14, 2012, your lives were changed forever in a matter of moments. The horror and unspeakable sadness of that day and the lives that were lost will never be forgotten.

In the midst of the darkness of that day, we also saw remarkable heroism and glimpses of grace. We saw Sandy Hook Elementary School faculty and staff doing everything in their power to protect their charges. We saw law enforcement officers from dozens of local, state and federal agencies running as one into harm's way at enormous personal risk. We saw dispatchers calmly and efficiently coordinating resources and directing personnel while at the very same time compassionately reassuring victims. We saw fire and EMS personnel from all over the region offering their services, state and municipal employees and contractors working countless hours in innumerable ways to support the first responders and the community at large, and thousands of volunteers and donors from across the globe reaching out in any way they could. For everything that was done by all of these and more, I am profoundly grateful.

The investigation of this incident is unparalleled in the one hundred and ten year history of the Connecticut State Police. Tens of thousands of hours were spent by investigators from all over the country tracking down leads, processing evidence, and doing everything within their collective ability to provide answers for the questions that remained in the wake of the terror of that morning. The efforts of all of the Connecticut State Police personnel, and especially those of the detectives of the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad, under the command of Lieutenant David Delvecchia and the supervision of Sergeants Joshua Pattberg and Jeffrey Covello, among others, have been remarkable, and demonstrate the determination and dedication of our employees, of which I am very proud.

The following reports document the many stages of the investigation, which administratively consists of three separate case numbers:

HH Country Club Road Middlelown, CT 06457 Phone: (860) 685-8000 / Fax: (860) 685-8354 An Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer CFS 1200704559 is the primary investigation, which has been conducted by the Western District Major Crime Squad (WDMCS) from Troop A In Southbury in conjunction with State's Attorney Stephen Sedensky III of the Judicial District of Danbury. They have been supported by WDMCS detectives from each Troop in the district, as well as by Major Crimes detectives from across the state, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut, Newtown Police Department, and numerous other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies too numerous to list.

CFS 1200704597 includes the processing of the scene at Sandy Hook Elementary School, with the Western District Major Crime Squad Van processing the inside of the school, and the Central District Major Crime Squad Van processing the outside of the school and supporting the WDMCS.

CFS 1200705354 consists of the investigation conducted by the Eastern District Major Crime Squad of the homicide at 36 Yogananda St. in Newtown. Each case includes written reports as well as multimedia including photographs, video recordings and/or audio recordings.

Although this investigation has been closed for administrative purposes, we anticipate that additional supplemental reports may continue to be submitted under CFS 1200704559 over the coming months. For example, reports may be submitted documenting return of evidence to its owners or receipt of evidence reports from the FBI Laboratory. We do not expect that they will contain any information that impacts the conclusions of the investigation and they will be released on a rolling basis. In the unlikely event that substantive information is obtained that requires follow-up, the case will be reopened and any new leads will be investigated fully.

While the wide range of information contained in these reports is presumed to be public, there are many statutes and regulations at both the state and federal levels that either prohibit disclosure, or allow withholding, of certain subsets of information. Each redaction throughout the report is marked with a two-digit code which corresponds to the legal basis supporting it as noted on the attached index. While this coding system makes clear the foundation of each redaction, several types of information that have been withheld warrant additional explanation.

 Throughout this report, the names and contextually identifying information of involved children have been withheld. This contextual information includes descriptions or images of children, their clothing and their belongings and references to their family members as examples. While the names of the deceased victims are well known, certain facts pertaining to the individual children are not, and the identities of surviving children are not generally known. Consistent with certain permissive exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act and the constitutional rights of crime victims we have chosen to withhold that information.

- 2. The names and contextually identifying information of most witnesses have been withheld. In the immediate aftermath of the incident and throughout the investigation, many individuals whose identities became public as associated with the incident in various ways have been subject to harassment and/or intimidation. In an effort to protect those whose identities are not otherwise known, we have chosen to exercise the applicable permissive exemption. This has been applied in the written reports, as well as in the multimedia, including audio and video recordings. The exemption is not being applied to those individuals whom we believe to be otherwise generally known or to witnesses whose involvement is professional in nature (ex. first responders).
- 3. All visual images depicting the deceased have been withheld, as well as written descriptions whose disclosure would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and would violate the constitutional rights of the families.

Balancing the often-competing interests of government transparency and individual privacy has been difficult. I believe that the redacted report that is being released includes as much detail as possible while protecting confidential information and without unduly infringing on the privacy rights of those whose lives have been so profoundly impacted through no fault of their own.

I hope that the release of this report, though painful, will allow those who have been affected by it to continue in their personal process of healing, and will provide helpful information that can be put to use to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Sincerely,

Reuben F. Bradford COMMISSIONER

Redaction Index

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04	CGS § 1-210(b)(3)(A)	Identity of confidential informant/witness
. 05	n/a	Court order of J. Blawie dated March 27, 2013
06	CGS §1-210(b)(27)	Visual image depicting a homicide victim
07	CGS § 29-28(d)	Pistol permit Information
80	CGS § 19a-411	Records of OCME examinations/findings
09	CGS § 1-200(5)	Items not meeting the definition of public record, including but not limited to seized physical evidence
10	CGS § 1-210(b)(3)(c)	Signed statements of witnesses
11	18 USC 2724	Information protected by the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act
12	US/CT Constitutions	Right to privacy (US Const. Amend. 14) and/or Victim Rights (CT Const. Art. 1 Sec 8b)
13	CGS § 1-210(b)(3)(E)	Investigatory techniques not otherwise known
14	CGS § 1-210(b)(19)	Safety risk to persons and/or buildings
15	CGS § 29-164f	COLLECT (Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement Communications Teleprocessing) system records
16	28 USC 534	NCIC (National Crime Information Center) Records
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18	CGS § 1-210(b)(5)(A)	Trade secrets and/or proprietary information
19	CGS § 1-210(b)(5)(B)	Commercial and/or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute
20	CGS § 1-210(b)(3)(F)	Arrest/investigatory files of a juvenile compiled for a law enforcement purpose
21	31 USC 5318(g)(2)	Records protected by the Bank Secrecy Act
22	31 CFR 103.18(e)	Records protected by Federal regulations promulgated under the Bank Secrecy Act
23	CGS § 1-210(b)(1)	Preliminary drafts and/or notes
24	CGS § 1-210(b)(17)	Educational records not subject to disclosure pursuant to 20 USC 1232g
25	n/a	Code not used
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