



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

Report #: 1200704559 - 00013131

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

Attachments: Statements:  Teletype:  Photos:  Sketchmap:  Evidence:  Other:

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 VAN NESS, RACHAEL	BADGE NO 1431
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD T097	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

Action Taken: On 1/11/13, while attending the forensic interview of one of the witnesses, this Detective learned from Donna Meyer and Samantha DiTuccio, LPC, that all of the surviving children from Mrs. D'Amato and Miss Soto's classrooms, in addition to 04 [REDACTED], were invited to the Family and Children's Aid facility at 80 West Street, Danbury, on Saturday, 1/12/13, from 2 to 4 p.m., for a presentation by the Life is Good Playmakers. The Playmakers operate under the motto is that life can hurt, and that play can heal, and one of the original founders of the Playmakers has been actively involved in facilitating the play therapy sessions specifically for the S.H.E.S. children 04 [REDACTED]. DiTuccio has also been assigned as the therapist/counselor for three of the surviving children that are already being seen at Family and Children's Aid.

It was explained that the surviving 12 children had experienced acute trauma, referring to a single, large-scale event in having lived through the school shooting, and that play therapy, such as that supported by the Playmakers aims to empower the children while they heal through play based interventions. Data suggests that typically, symptoms of depression and post-traumatic stress dissipate 9 to 14 months following the traumatic event. Through structured group play, the children have the opportunity to take effective and powerful action, and, in doing so, replace the feelings of fear and helplessness experienced in the wake of trauma with feelings of safety and competence.

Meyer and DiTuccio confirmed that the sessions would be private, and that the building would be empty to eliminate the possibility of loud noises or outside distractions, and explained that they were altering the plan to include the play therapy techniques would be helpful for the teacher and children to take back to their classroom and home settings, as well eliminating any which were too chaotic for the children at this time.

The status of the case remains actively under investigation.

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