



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

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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 PETERS, ALISON A.	BADGE NO 0816
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

TRANSCRIPTION OF RICHARD THORNE'S (SCHOOL CUSTODIAN) 911 CALLS TO BOTH STATE AND NEWTOWN POLICE

ACTION TAKEN: In this investigation, I was assigned to transcribe the 911 call made by school custodian, Richard Thorne. Thorne was located in the west hallway of the school during the school shooting and called 911 from that same location. The purpose of transcribing the telephone calls was to assist in putting together a timeline for the school shooting.

The telephone calls and Police radio transmissions were obtained from the centralized dispatch center of Troops A, B, and L for the date of 12-14-12 from approximately 0930 hours to approximately 1030 hours. The first portion of Thorne's telephone call, which was received by the Connecticut State Police, is part of an exhibit that was previously entered into evidence: Exhibit # 349: CSP 911 calls and police radio transmissions. The telephone call is located in the file "Item #1" of 172 items, the first half hour of transmissions. The first portion of the telephone call consists of a conversation between dispatcher Betsy Brennan and custodian Richard Thorne. The second portion of the telephone call is part of exhibit #336: Newtown Police Department 911 and routine calls to/from the PD. The second portion of the telephone call consists of a conversation between dispatcher Robert Nute and custodian Richard Thorne. The call to the State Police was transferred to Newtown PD and is located in the file named "911 Trunk 3."

Newtown Police Officer Jeff Silver assisted me with the transcription of the portion of the telephone call that was transferred to Newtown PD and answered by dispatcher Nute.

The following is the transcription of the 911 telephone calls:

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09:35:43 Rick Thorne- Custodian – first 911 call to the CT State Police Centralized Dispatch

Brennan: “State Police 911, what’s the location of your emergency?”

Thorne: “Yes, I think we have shooting down at the Sandy Hook Elementary School”

Brennan: “okay...”

Thorne: “Please get down here”

Brennan: “Alright stay on the line with me sir.. I don’t want you to hang up ..I’m going to connect you to Newtown ok?”

Thorne: “Ok”

09:36:13 - Telephone call gets transferred and Newtown Police dispatcher Nute answers...

Nute: “Newtown 911, what’s the location of your emergency”

Thorne: “Sandy Hook Elementary School, 12 Dickinson Drive”

Nute: “Ok I’ve got that, what’s going on down there?”

Thorne: “I believe that there is shooting at the front... at the front glass.. Something is going on”

Nute: “Ok...Alright I’ve got officer.. I want you to stay on the line with me. Where are you in the school?”

Thorne: “I’m down the corridor”

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Nute: "Alright I want you to take cover, Jen get the sergeant.. alright, get everybody you can going down there"

Nute: "Let me get some information from you"

Nute: "What makes you think that?"

Thorne: "The front glass is all shot out.. It kept ..kept going on"

Nute: "Ok" (State PD Dispatcher Brennan still on the line)

09:36:49

Thorne: "It's still happening"

Nute: "Alright, what about the students in the front of the building"

Thorne: "Can't do it, everything is locked up as far as I know, I am not in the front"

Nute: "Alright.. you're in lock down"

Thorne: " Yeah, they're in lock down"

Nute: "Did you see anything out the window?"

Thorne: "No, it's still going on, I can't get over there"

Nute: "I don't want you to go over there.... I want to know what is happening with the students in the front corridor, this is in the front parking lot?"

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Thorne: "Yes, I'm not in the front... I'm actually down the other part, but I'm close"

Nute: "Ok do you see anything or hear anything more?"

Thorne: "I keep hearing shooting, I can't ..I keep hearing popping"

(Brennan heard speaking in background regarding incident to state police personnel in room)

Nute: "Alright Jen, let's get one call, caller. I will take my caller you..."

9:37:38 (In background, Brennan heard dispatching CSP)

Nute: "Alright who am I talking with right now?"

Thorne: "You are talking to Rick"

Nute: "What's your name?"

Thorne: "Rick Thorne"

Nute: "Rick Storm... alright, Rick what is your position with the school?"

Thorne: "I ..um ..I am the acting head custodian today"

Nute: "Ok"

9:38:00

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Brennan: "Uh, Newtown what's the address of the school?"

Nute and Thorne: "Twelve Dickinson Drive"

Brennan: "Ok"

9:38:07

Thorne: "Something is happening"

Nute: "Ok, Jen hang up, I need you to get off that phone"

Nute: "Alright Rick... Rick... what do you hear now?"

Thorne: "Yes?"

9:38:23

Thorne: "yeah, uh...now it's silent"

Nute: "Ok...alright so now when you say the school is in lock down..."

Thorne: "All the doors are locked, the kids are in classrooms"

Nute: "Ok, so at this time you are defending in place?"

Thorne: "Excuse me"

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Nute: "Ok at this time all the rooms are locked?"

Thorne: "Yes"

Nute: "Did you see anything out front before this started?"

Thorne: "No and I was out all morning"

9:38:57

Thorne: "Ok the gym teacher told me they saw shadows going past the gym"

Nute: "Just now?"

Thorne: "Yes"

Nute: "Alright"

Nute: "Now are they running on the outside or the inside?"

Thorne: "I would say that would be outside"

9:39:24

Thorne: "There is still shooting going on... please"

Nute: "What about injuries at this time?"

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Thorne: "Excuse me"

Nute: "What about injuries at this time?"

Thorne: "I don't know of any injuries right now"

Nute: "Ok"

Nute: "Jen I need you to call the State Police"

9:40:00

Thorne: "It's still, it's still going on"

--(call placed on hold, but the line is still open. Nute answers another line)

Nute: "...ok I have that, we have officers on scene"

Thorne: "Thank you"

Nute: "What is your name?"

Thorne: "Rick Thorne"

Nute: "Ok"

Thorne: "I am in the building"

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Nute: "Alright Rick, I've got you... I am on the other line... alright we have officers there"

9:41:29

(Nute answers another 911 line- "Newtown 911 what is the location of your emergency...")

9:41:47

Nute: "Newtown 911 what is the address of your emergency?"

Thorne: "You talking to me?"

Nute: "I am talking to you, is this Rick?"

Thorne: "12 Dickinson Drive Sandy Hook"

Nute: "Alright Rick is this you?"

Thorne: "Yes"

Nute: "Ok"

Nute: "We are back on the line together"

Nute: "Is that by PD?"

Thorne: "By the firehouse, it is by the firehouse"

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Nute: "Yeah.. we know, we got that"

9:42:16

Nute to other dispatcher "Well I am not sending them in there yet"

Nute- On other phone lines

9:42:57

Nute: "Rick?"

Thorne: "Yes"

Nute: "Ok"

Nute: "Stay on the phone with me"

Thorne: "Ok"

Nute- on other phone lines

9:43:25

Nute: "Alright Rick are you still with me?"

Thorne: "Yes"

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Nute: "Alright what do you see now?"

Thorne: "I am standing in the corridor, I am watching the corridor"

Nute: "Alright you are watching your corridor?"

Thorne: "Yes"

Nute: "Ok"

Nute: "Um..."

Nute speaking with others in room and radio

9:44:47

Nute: "Alright, Do you hear any police officers at this time Rick?"

Thorne: "I am hearing talking, but I am not seeing anybody, but I'm hearing talking"

Nute: "Ok"

Thorne: "Like I said, I am standing in the middle of this corridor"

9:45:02

Thorne: "Custodian, Custodian!"

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9:45:10

Newtown Officers (beleived to be Vanghele, Smith, and Penna) heard in the background: "Who are you?"

9:45:11

Thorne: "Custodian"

Nute: "Alright tell them you are on the phone with me"

Thorne: "I am on the phone with dispatch"

9:45:16 Newtown Officers: (Yelling heard in the background) "Tell them I have victims in the building"

Thorne: "Victims in the building"

Nute: "How many?"

Thorne: "How many?"

Newtown Officers:(background) "Two down"

Thorne: "Two down"

Nute: "Ok is it safe?"

Newtown Officers: (background) "Did you see anybody, anybody at all?"

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Thorne: "saw nobody"

9:46:18 (in background Bahamonde can be heard saying "ok, I need units in the front of the school we have got bodies here, let's uh get ambulances)

Thorne: "I didn't see anybody go in there"

Nute: "Alright Rick, Rick I am going to let you, you go with them"

Thorne: "Call the State Police"

Nute: "They have been notified"

Thorne: "State Police been notified"

Nute: "Rick I am actually going to keep you with.."

Thorne: "Ok"

Newtown Officers: (background) "Did you hear shooting?"

Thorne: "I heard shooting.... not now"

Newtown Officers: (background) "How long ago?"

Thorne: "five minutes ago"

9:47:31

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Nute: "Newtown 911, what is the location of your emergency?"

Thorne: "12 Dickinson Drive"

Nute: "Alright Rick, I am still with you"

Nute: "Jen you're going to have to get nineteen Crabapple"

Nute: "Rick I am going to have to put you on hold for a minute"

Thorne: "Ok"

(Nute answers other lines)

Nute: "Newtown 911, what is the location of your emergency?"

9:48:02

Newtown Officers: (background) "Is this the main office right here?"

Thorne: "Yes"

Telephone call fades in and out in background you can hear:

Thorne answering questions by police about the building being a square, the portable classrooms, and that the shooting was in the front lobby. You can hear the Newtown Officers talking with others (possibly CSP at this time) about Thorne..."says he hears gunfire 5 minutes ago".

Thorne: "Hey, hey, that's a police officer coming?"

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Thorne: "Ok"

9:49:50 Yelling in background... Sgt Kullgren's team comes up the southwest portion of the hallway and encounters Thorne.

Thorne: "Custodian! Custodian!", continued yelling by Officers "get on the ground, keep your hands up"

Nute: "Communications, communications...hello?"

The officers prone out Thorne and phone call becomes disconnected.

9:50:56 The call is disconnected.

CASE STATUS: This case will remain active pending further investigation.

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